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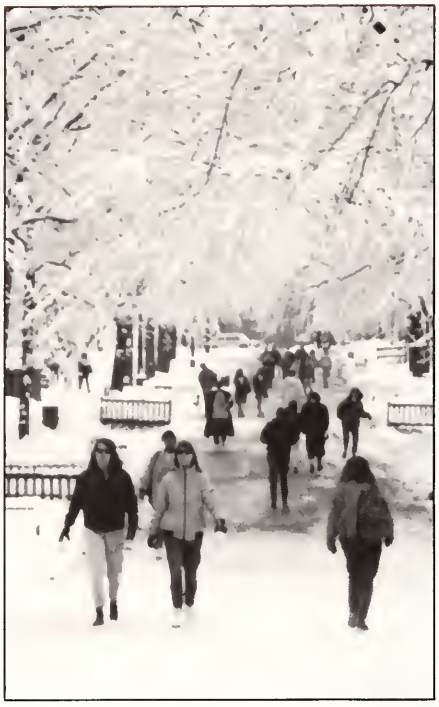

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THE MURALS IN

George Washington Hall

BY EDWARD ALVEY JR.

Many alumni, visitors to campus, students and present employees of the College have expressed curiosity about the murals that grace the first floor hallway in George Washington Hall. Though people may not realize it, the figures depicted in the paintings are not merely symbols of academic life but represent real people who were connected with the College in the 1940s.

To help Mary Washington College Today *track down the identity of those depicted and relate some of the history of the mural-painting, we turned to Dr. Edward Alvey Jr., who was dean of Mary Washington College for more than 30 years. The results of his research follow.*

George Washington Hall was opened officially on Jan. 11, 1940, with a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra. A throng of students, faculty and townspeople—all in evening dress—streamed into the impressive new building. Color schemes of the auditorium walls, curtains and seats had all been selected by Emil Schnellock of the Art Department. In autumn of that year, he began work on the murals that were to decorate the walls of the front entrance hall.

For the next eight years Schnellock, a specialist in mural painting, spent considerable time on this project. First, he passed many hours in thought and discussion as to how he might portray best the spirit of the institution. Second, a cardboard model of the area was constructed. Then dozens of preliminary sketches were drawn and discarded. Finally, the theme began to emerge. All figures in the murals became symbols of life in the College, not only in its academic aspects, but in the various activities that went on outside the classroom as well.

After months of research and inquiry, I have been able, with the help of numerous people, to identify many of the painted figures.

The mural on the left wall as one enters GW features the Music Department. There is a drum majorette of the Mary Washington College Marching Band and one of the twirlers, both resplendent in full uniform. The majorette is Doris Ann Lindsey Whitfield '54; the twirler is Dawn L. Van Buskirk Derridinger '54. Then there is Ronald Faulkner himself, organizer and director of the band. He is depicted in full dress, bending over two students in his instrumental music class. The students playing the cello and violin have not been identified. However, the student at the microphone is Mary Virginia Morgan '44. At that time, the College gave courses in radio broadcasting, and she was one of those enrolled in the class.

The mural continues with culminating academic activities. An excellent portrayal of the statue of George Washington seems to preside over the scene, while below him a student with pencil in hand (not identified) pores over a large globe.

The murals, painted in the 1940s, depict real people who were connected with the College.

Two students carrying the United States and Virginia flags symbolize the start of the academic procession. At a central lectern, Dr. Morgan L. Combs, president of the College from 1928 to 1955, is shown reading the name of a graduate, while I, in my capacity as dean, stand beside him, assisting in the conferral of degrees. In line are four students in cap and gown ready to receive their degrees. The portico of Mary Ball Hall is depicted in the background.

Symbols of various aspects of the academic program follow. There's a student, Virginia Waring Minges '42, studying intently a large book about the size of an unabridged dictionary, presumably representing the English Department.

The study of history is represented by a book open to a magnificent portrait of General Robert E. Lee, drawn in great detail by Mr. Schnellock.

Next follow the symbols of the study of various sciences. A chemistry student (as yet unidentified) is examining or measuring some liquid in a test tube held at eye level. Detailed sketches of the parts of various flowers typify botanical studies. A physics student is shown taking readings from an apparatus while a classmate looks on. An advanced biology student peers intently into a microscope. These students are thought to be members of the graduating class of 1942. In the background is pictured the portico of E. Lee Trinkle Library, the primary source of reference material. Other scientific studies are suggested by a huge jar, an enormous conch shell, and other decorative touches.

The mural on the right-hand side of the wall as one enters GW is devoted mainly to student activities. Riding, then a popular recreational activity as well as a college course carrying a limited physical education credit, is represented by two uniformed figures. The first, Dorothy E. Reisig '53, is a member of the Cavalry Troop, an organization of experienced riders which rendered valuable community service during World War II. Dorothy is shown in full uniform, holding the flag on a long staff which she carried in a stirrup as she led the troop.

Standing beside her is a member of the Hoofprints Club, Phyllis A. Nash '54, wearing the dress outfit worn in competition by members of this popular Mary Washington College riding club, which, at one time, enrolled more than 100 students.

For many years the May Day exercises

were an annual feature of spring at Mary Washington, comparable in interest and excitement to a homecoming football game at a men's college. Depicted in the mural is the May Queen of 1948, Lois Saunier Hornsby '48, in the elegant dress she wore on that occasion. Standing beside her in a blue dress and seeming to adjust the queen's gown is a previous May Court member, Ellen Alvey Montllor '48, my daughter. Kneeling on the other side of the May Queen and also adjusting her dress is Mary Will Sheffield '49, in a dark red dress.

Modern dance was both a college-credit class and a club activity. Concerts by the Modern Dance Club were a popular feature of the session's events, and full-scale performances by the modern dance students were a feature of the May Day celebrations. Pictured in the mural are three talented dancers of that period. The

seated figure in a dark blue dress is Ann Harris Skinner '44; reclining next to her in a gold-colored dress is Lilias Scott Keel '44; and standing above her in a white Harlequin costume with a guitar is thought to be Margaret "Peggy" Moran Logan '43.

The next group represents the Art Department. The central seated figure with red hair is Jean Jones Pierson '49, now deceased. She is holding in her right hand a self-portrait of Julien Binford, professor of art from 1946 to 1971. Binford's self-portrait shows his wife, Elizabeth, looking over his shoulder.

The student in the green smock holding a pallet and looking, with Jean, at a small picture is surely a specific individual, as is the dark-haired student holding a sculptured head. Unfortunately, it has not been possible, as yet, to identify these two strikingly portrayed students.

A small panel on the far right between the ticket window and the central hallway depicts Wallace Alsop, the custodian of George Washington Hall, in all his glory. Mr. Alsop was truly the custodian of the building. He held keys to all the outside and inside doors, saw that the building was open and illuminated when there were evening performances or events in the auditorium, and, with his two assistants, kept the entire building clean and in shipshape.

On special occasions Wallace donned a resplendent uniform, stood just about where his portrait is now, and bowed to distinguished guests as they entered. Wallace had his own way of acknowledging a greeting. When a faculty or staff member would say, "Good morning, Wallace," he would say warmly but with considerable dignity, "Thank you, sir (or ma'am)." Wallace Alsop worked for the College his entire adult life.

An academic procession is the theme of the mural directly above the doors of the central entrance to the foyer leading into the auditorium. Depicted are two lines of faculty members marching toward a central destination. In the background are the porticos of two of the College buildings. In a conspicuous place in the central foreground is an open book on which a hood with the Mary Washington colors, then blue and white, is draped.

The figures may or may not represent individual faculty members. Opinion among contemporary staff members varies. Many believe that the handsome young woman depicted somewhat in the foreground of the group on the right-hand side is Miss Lillie Turman, dean of freshmen, whom Mr. Schnellock was dating at the time.

The fourth figure on the left may be Emil Schnellock himself, modestly depicted. It does resemble him in profile. He never indicated or suggested that it was he. However, in a mural he painted for the dining room at Montebello, the historic Orange County residence, he did, as a lark, paint a little figure of himself in an inconspicuous corner of the mural.

The colors of the academic hoods have been studied as a possible indication of the identity of a faculty member holding a doctorate. Professor of English Walter B. Kelly and Professor of Chemistry Earl G. Insley are said to be pictured. However, the profile renditions make such identifications quite speculative. Schnellock never indicated that the figures represented certain of his colleagues.

The other murals do represent definite individuals in most cases, and many hours have been spent trying to establish their identities. I have consulted alumni, faculty, staff and others in my detective work. It is possible, of course, that some mistakes have been made. If so, corrections would be much appreciated. In addition, it would be most helpful if readers could furnish the names of the unidentified figures. Send information to Editor, *Mary Washington College Today*, Office of Publications, Lee Hall 302, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5358. A complete list of the persons in the murals in George Washington Hall would be a happy outcome of this article.

Edward Alvey Jr. is dean emeritus and professor emeritus of education, who retired from Mary Washington in 1971.

"Commitment To Excellence:"

An Interview With President Anderson

In June 1985, the Board of Visitors adopted a comprehensive plan for the College, called "Commitment to Excellence: An Agenda for Action in the '80s and Beyond." What has happened in the four and a half years since the plan was adopted? What new initiatives is the College exploring to meet the needs of its students and the community? Mary Washington College Today *visited recently with President William M. Anderson Jr. for an update.*

Would you review for us the history of the Commitment to Excellence Plan?

Certainly. This long-range plan was developed from the results of a number of in-depth studies that were undertaken during 1983 and 1984. Its purpose was to set forth specifically what we wanted to accomplish at the College within the framework of our stated mission and academic goals. Putting together such a document allowed us to determine that our mission was sound and our direction timely. In addition, developing a plan was helpful because we wanted to be certain that we really would do what we said we would do. It also helped us verify that we were indeed going the way we wanted to go. The two years of planning and analysis led us to a better understanding of what we were and what we could be as an institution. It also allowed us to focus on specific activities involving some projects and some broader goals to be accomplished over time.

President William M. Anderson Jr.

Did you receive support from everyone in this undertaking?

Absolutely. I want to emphasize that this involved a total commitment from the Board of Visitors (half of whose members are alumni), the faculty, the students and the staff. In 1985 the Board of Visitors adopted the Commitment to Excellence Plan and has taken all necessary steps to see that this plan was accomplished totally. Without that support, we could not be where we are today.

And where are we today in terms of achieving the stated goals?

While we did not set a specific time for its completion, to date we have accomplished well over 90 percent of the Commitment to Excellence Plan. The fact that we have done so well in meeting the goals we set is proof that everyone was involved. I also want to underscore the total support and commitment of the Board of Visitors to this plan.

How has the academic program been enhanced through the Plan?

The very first section of the Plan makes it clear that the worth of any educational institution is determined ultimately by the quality of its academic program. I feel that a key factor in our academic success here at Mary Washington is the quality of our faculty and the support which the College has been able to give them. Since the 1984-85 academic year, faculty salaries have increased by 48.9 percent. Our salaries are now approaching the national average and are now competitive with those of other institutions in our region. The Board of Visitors has worked particularly hard to see that these increases would take place.

The Board took a number of other initiatives in this area: Two endowed chairs were established—the Prince B. Woodard Chair in Historic Preservation and the Rector and Board of Visitors Chair; the new faculty rank of Distinguished Professor was established to honor, recognize, and reward senior faculty members; and through the generosity of Alice and Robert Jepson, the Board established the Jepson Fellows Program to help the College attract and retain outstanding junior faculty members. Also, we have increased the number of faculty positions at the College so that we can maintain a student faculty ratio of 18 to 1.

What about faculty research and faculty development?

We realized that such a talented and distinguished faculty needed support so they could study and be involved in indi-

Top left: Distinguished Professor of Art Cornelia D. Oliver.

Top right: "... our commitment here is to the total student."

Bottom: "The new Campus Center houses the Office of Student Activities ..."

vidual research and other meaningful projects. Funds for faculty development have increased during the period of the Plan from $25,000 to $200,000 annually. In addition, we have established a sabbatical leave program for faculty so that some faculty members can have a semester or a year to explore in greater depth their academic specialties. What we are seeking to provide at Mary Washington is an environment in which dedicated faculty can both teach effectively and continue their personal intellectual development.

To assist both faculty and students in their research, the College, in 1988-89 alone, spent more than $600,000 from the equipment trust fund and supplemented that spending with significant monies from the regular College budget. Major emphasis was given to the Writing Intensive Project, in which students are assisted in polishing their writing skills throughout their undergraduate careers. Substantial grants have been given to support faculty-training in this area.

Emphasis has also been placed in a number of other areas: the Executive-in-Residence program, and the tripling of allocations for fine arts and cultural activities, to name just two.

What about the role of students in the goal of academic excellence?

Academic excellence depends on two things: faculty and students. We are extremely proud that our entering classes rank in the top 5 to 10 percent of the colleges and universities in this country in terms of admissions selectivity. These bright students are seeking demanding academic programs, and a large part of our Commitment to Excellence Plan was aimed specifically at activities involving these students. We indicated that we would place renewed emphasis on our speech program and would develop a nationally recognized debate team. That team has been so successful nationally that we have had to buy a second trophy case to hold the trophies it has won! New academic computing facilities have been built throughout the campus, and now, for example, students move directly from their science laboratories to adjacent computer pods to analyze their data.

Has the new library greatly aided the students?

The impact that the new library building has had on the academic program of the College has been significant. We are so fortunate to have an excellent collection developed over the years and dedicated specifically to the needs of the undergraduate student. Now we have the facility to make that collection more accessible to the students and faculty. This new building contains the latest in library technology, and judging from student and faculty use during the first year, the building and its technology have allowed library usage to increase dramatically.

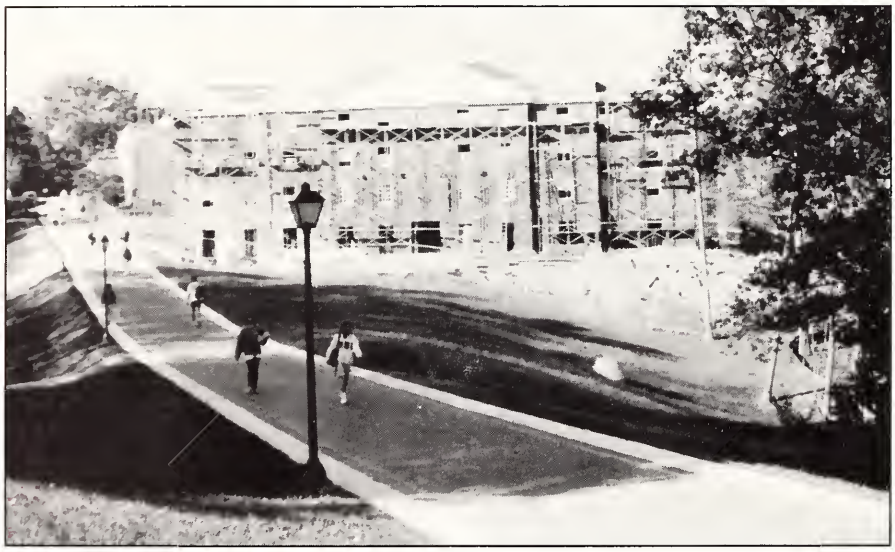
What about student life outside of academics?

It is obvious, I think, that our commitment here is to the total student. Our goal is to provide an educational setting which presents to the student high quality academic programs accompanied by high quality co-curricular opportunities. The new Campus Center houses the Office of Student Activities and has become a popular location for meetings of student groups and for a wide variety of social activities. In the co-curricular area we want students to develop a lifelong desire to be involved. The Commitment to Excellence initiatives encouraged student involvement in clubs, in service activities, and in

physical exercise. The Plan was concerned with physical activity on a number of levels—recreational, intramural, club sports, varsity teams and formal course work.

What about plans for construction of new residence halls?

As part of the Commitment to Excellence Plan, we have completed one new, small residence hall, housing 38 students, and will open one additional residence hall to house 148 students in the fall of 1990. These spaces are being provided, not to increase the enrollment of new residential students by these numbers, but to give us additional spaces for the residential students we now have. These buildings will allow us to make better use of our present facilities and will permit us to house some transfer students who cannot currently be housed on campus. Enrollment growth is not the thrust of the Plan; higher quality space for the academic and residential programs is the focus.



Top: The traditional Devil-Goat Day continues to be great fun for students.

Bottom left: The new residence hall next to Goolrick, near the end of Campus Walk.

Bottom right: ". . . our new buildings and the renovation of existing facilities are important . . ."

Have the efforts of the College to market itself to prospective students been successful in recent years?

Marketing is a term that many people in higher education did not want to use or recognize. But we were certainly aware as a part of the Commitment to Excellence Plan that in order to present an institution and its programs to prospective students, the institution must know clearly what it stands for and identify specifically how to present its mission. What we have done at the College has given us greater national visibility than we have enjoyed at any other point in the history of the College. Mary Washington is now acknowledged to be one of the most selective institutions in the country. This position is recognized by the inclusion of the College in numerous national college guidebooks and the listing of Mary Washington College by *Changing Times* and *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the best colleges today. Our admissions staff has performed its recruiting activities in an outstanding manner and has encouraged the participation of students and faculty in this process. Increased attention has been given to financial assistance for both gifted and needy students; scholarship aid for students is one of the major thrusts of the current Campaign for Mary Washington. The success of this campaign has helped us immensely in our recruiting efforts.

So many people have lauded Campus Walk. Do you think it has been a notable addition?

In terms of physical changes to the campus, perhaps the most striking change was made when Campus Drive was removed, and Campus Walk was designed to stretch from one end of the campus to the other. This award-winning brick walk was supposed to tie the various physical facilities of the campus together and to develop a greater sense of community at the College. And Campus Walk does just that—it ties the campus together both literally and figuratively. While our new buildings and the renovation of existing facilities are important, the creation of Campus Walk has probably done even more to tie the campus together and enhance that sense of community which we enjoy at Mary Washington.

Will you comment on possible expansion of the College?

It is acknowledged throughout the College that we should not grow too much, or we will destroy what the College has become. In that regard, the Board of Visi-

". . . Campus Walk . . . ties the campus together both literally and figuratively."

tors has set a limit of 4,000 students for the Marye's Heights campus and reaffirmed the mission of the College: to remain on this campus an undergraduate college of liberal arts and sciences, primarily residential in nature, and committed to a program that emphasizes the total development of each student. To that end, the Board intends to continue the program of upgrading the College's facilities and providing additional facilities and resources to improve the quality of our total program.

What new initiatives are planned for the '90s?

Although we are not yet ready to develop a new Commitment to Excellence Plan for the future, our involvement with this plan has given us the opportunity to develop an ongoing planning process on campus which will help us as we move into the next decade. Three new areas will be given special attention in the immediate future. First is the thrust toward global awareness for all students in all aspects of the College program. The Commitment to Excellence Plan included, as one emphasis of a liberal arts program, the appreciation of each student's own cultural heritage and an understanding of the cultural heritage of others. This global awareness initiative will help us globalize or internationalize our program so that our students will have an increased understanding of themselves and others.

To that end, a greater diversification of the student body will help our students understand others; the opportunity to learn about others will allow our students also to examine anew their own culture and heritage. Discussions of the ethical and moral values of others help our students examine their own value systems. This global awareness project is a major one, designed to take three to five years to implement and destined to touch almost every aspect of campus life. Our small size in combination with our excellent faculty, superior student body, and prime location will help us move in this direction. We want to take this initiative as an entire College for the benefit of the entire College.

A second area of emphasis for the future is undergraduate research, and we are taking steps to implement such a program even now. We have had outstanding undergraduate research in a number of departments, with students presenting their projects and papers to state, regional, and national academic association meetings. We feel, however, that the entire College can benefit from a formal, comprehensive program of undergraduate research. Students will have—throughout the College—the opportunity to work with faculty members both individually and in teams so they can experience firsthand the creation and development of new ideas. Our success to date makes us confident that this initiative will enhance education throughout the College. It is important that undergraduate research be practiced not in just a few departments, but integrated in the academic program campuswide.

Obviously, as we seek to maintain Mary Washington as a highly selective, residential, multi-cultural, undergraduate college, we must also recognize that we are a public institution which is located in one of Virginia's fastest growing areas. We have, therefore, a responsibility to our community. In order to continue our undergraduate program and at the same time meet the needs of our community, our third initiative is to establish a separate division which will have its own campus on which to serve the adult and commuting student populations.

While a location for this Fredericksburg Center has not yet been made final, we do envision this center serving several important functions. It should serve the needs of our undergraduate Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree program for adults, especially for evening and weekend classes. It should continue the cooperative efforts we currently are making with our local community colleges for the B.L.S. program. Next, it will serve as a graduate-level center to support the area's demand for these programs.

Almost all of this graduate work will be done by other colleges and universities which have nationally recognized master's and doctoral programs. It should permit us to work with the Center for Innovative Technology in Northern Virginia to fill the needs of the local business and industrial communities. Our center will also offer specialized institutes to support economic development in our area, and it will be able to offer numerous public service courses to our area residents.

In summary, what we envision is a separate campus with a separate mission, designed and staffed to provide the types of needed services at times which are convenient for the adult population of our area. In addition, the center will be involved in activities which will support the economic development of this growing region.

Someone once said, "In order to stay the same, you have to change." One thing we have tried to highlight in all of our planning is the fact that we are changing so that we can stay the same in those important basic ways, while we are adding major improvements to help us serve in other ways. What we seek for Mary Washington College is not growth, but quality. We always keep this idea firmly in mind: No matter where Mary Washington College is involved, those programs will all have the same high quality which we have sought to maintain in all that we do.

Mary Washington is in a superior position to provide an excellent, broad education in the liberal arts and sciences which will equip our graduates for productive, rewarding lives in the 21st century. I am confident that we are doing that extremely well.

Where Are They Now?

Mildred Bolling: The Grand Dame Of Modern Foreign Languages

Mildred Bolling taught at Mary Washington from 1928-1971.

BY DEBBIE L. GOLDSTEIN

Mildred McMurtry Bolling, who bid au revoir to her students and friends at commencement exercises in 1971, will always be fondly applauded as the grand professor and pioneer of Mary Washington's Modern Foreign Language Department, which she chaired from its inception until 1967.

It grew with her, as did the collection of literature and art books she acquired in her own travels. The department, which had a meager seven books when she arrived, developed quite a language library and became the largest on campus in terms of the number of faculty it employed. Majors in French, Spanish and German became popular, as were course sequences in Italian, Russian and Portuguese, prompted by Mrs. Bolling.

"I came here from Colorado Springs in 1928 after I graduated from Colorado College," she said, nostalgically looking back at her life 61 years ago. "I drove a little Chevrolet car that cost $495 when it was new. I picked up a friend in Kansas. The roads were terrible and it took us several days to get as far as the state line," she recalled. "I remember going down into a creek and coming out again. Now that I look back at myself when I was in my 20s, and to travel such a long way in search of a job—just because I had a thing about being in Virginia—it seems foolhardy. When I dropped my friend off to meet the train in Washington, D.C., I didn't know a soul south of or anywhere near the Potomac River."

Her eyes surveyed the road just beyond the wall of ivy that bordered her sidewalk. "I didn't really know until I had looked at a copy of the yearbook and saw so many names like Mary and Henrietta on the class lists, that I had come to what was then an all-women's college," she chuckled, smoothing her white and blue knit dress. She decided to sign up with the school—Mary Washington was then Fredericksburg State Teacher's College—as planned.

Mildred Bolling brought her eloquence in a foreign tongue to Virginia. Like magic, her little house on Franklin Street began to make students feel as though they had literally traveled to a foreign land in one afternoon. When the students came to call, only French was spoken there. Her students shared coffee and pastry as they leafed through volumes of French literature and artbooks their teacher had collected overseas. "Bonjours" greeted those who rapped at the front door, and fluency came with constant practice. It was a happy time for all.

Nine years after she arrived in Fredericksburg, she married J. Brawner Bolling; their home is still on Franklin Street, less than a mile from Mary Washington. Throughout her life, Mrs. Bolling has never lived very far from a set of college gates. Her father was the dean of Colorado College at the time she specialized in classical and modern languages, and their household was within walking distance. "When I came to Mary Washington, I often walked to class, too," she added. "It was convenient, especially when it snowed and I couldn't get the car out."

Mrs. Bolling has always loved foreign languages and their distinct dialects—teaching Latin, Greek, French and Spanish at the college level over the years. "I taught 18 hours a week and followed the same schedule for at least 25 years," Mrs. Bolling pointed out, "with six hours of study on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays I was in school from 8 a.m. until noon." Mrs. Bolling spent a great deal of time in the College's language laboratory, which particularly helped her strengthen her vocabulary and pronunciation before she headed to a summer program at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Back then Mildred collected a salary of $2,000 a year, teaching all of the foreign language classes offered at that time—three classes in French and three in Latin. Room and board at the Faculty Annex on campus was part of her compensation. "When the Depression came, they took 11 percent off our pay. Just the other day, I found an old receipt for my wedding dress. It was beautiful, but it only cost me $37.50. That shows you the real difference between then and now."

One of her recollections from the World War II years was making fudge for the Mary Washington College war bond rally, which, along with many other contributed items, was auctioned off to help in the war bond effort. Over $13,600 in war stamps and bonds were sold in the course of the January 1945 rally. Many of those dollars were made from the sale of Mildred's fudge. "I have never liked to cook. It was out of pure patriotism that I made that chocolate, I can assure you," Mildred recounted.

She has other memories of the war years. "We'd only been married four or five years before my husband volunteered for the Navy and I was left by myself at night during wartime," she remembered. "Sometimes we'd have blackouts."

"During the war I was also depended upon to play the violin at weddings and benefits downtown. It eased my mind, but it was rather frightening to come home to a pitch-black house. At Mary Washington, they even shifted Christmas vacation so the students would not be traveling on the holiday. This saved seats for the military."

In the early 1950s, the campus language houses were started. Junior and senior occupants assigned to the special dorms agreed to speak only the language of that house during their residence there. Junior year abroad programs for majors in German, French and Spanish became popular as first two, and later three years of foreign language credit at the college level or its equivalent became a graduation requirement.

Mrs. Bolling at her home on Franklin Street this past fall.

For over 30 years, Mrs. Bolling sponsored Le Cercle Français, a club whose monthly meetings were conducted entirely in French, which gave students the chance to hear and practice the spoken language. She also served as faculty representative of the local chapter of the Phi Sigma Iota national honorary Romance language fraternity.

She and Brawner traveled overseas quite often before they reached what Mildred terms "the slightly shaky stage." They never took organized trips but they found that since they were able to speak the language, they were able to help other people to better enjoy visits to foreign museums. "I remember doing quite well when I was alone on a week-long trip to France," she recalled. "There were two other women along from California that everybody called 'the Americans.' I guess I proved I knew the language so well, that I was accepted as French."

Time goes more slowly now than it did when Mildred Bolling officially retired 18 years ago.

She had worked long hours at odd times of the day, and dedicated a lot of time to other campus activities as well. "I worked hard . . . harder than most . . . ," she agreed. "But retirement is just something everyone has to do." At first, friends were reluctant to allow her to "really retire," requesting that she give them private lessons to prepare them for trips, and she was so well-known, an area high school asked her if she would mind building up their tiny foreign language section by donating some of her more updated French books purchased in her travels.

"I also worked as an interpreter in the historic 'shrines' downtown. When they expected busloads of foreign visitors, I was there, but that ended when recording machines came in." These days the part-time jobs have ended, giving her more time to enjoy her beloved books and the lawn work around her yard.

"I appreciate the way the College coddles us retired folks, the way they keep up with us and invite us to various things. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Mary Washington College Foundation, I'm still raising money for the school and working with people I taught 20 to 30 years ago. Mary Washington has always had a certain spirit, a certain life about it. The students and graduates all still have such get-up-and-go, I have to admire them for it. I'm so glad to still be a part of it."

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Alumni Outcomes Assessment Survey: A Report

Some of the members of the Honor Council were on stage at Honor Convocation '89.

BY BOBBIE BURTON '74

In June 1987, at the request of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), Mary Washington College—and other state institutions—submitted their plans for Student Outcomes Assessment. The objective of outcomes assessment is to evaluate the effectiveness of the institution's programs, and use that evaluation to fine-tune them accordingly. Mary Washington submitted its own comprehensive plan for assessment, a vital part of which is Alumni Outcomes Assessment.

An Alumni Outcomes Assessment Committee was charged with developing an instrument for surveying alumni about their "perception of the value added to their lives by their undergraduate experience at Mary Washington . . . in both practical objective matters (i.e., ability to function in the job market, in graduate schools, and in a changing pluralistic society) *and* in more subjective matters (i.e., the ability to achieve personal and interpersonal goals and a sense of self-fulfillment)."

The original committee included alumni leaders, students and staff: Regina Bolling '86, Bobbie Burton '74, Denise Mattingly Luck '74, Phyllis Gregory '90, Suzanne McLaughlin '89, Laura Lee Munn '88, Melisa Casacuberta '84 and Kathleen Edwards. In fall 1987, that committee began the task of developing a comprehensive testing instrument, and two conclusions were quickly reached. First, because Mary Washington's identity lies in tradition and history, information from all ages and class years of alumni was needed to establish a basis for evaluation. Second, the committee was convinced that no standardized survey could adequately capture the Mary Washington experience. In order to meet the demands of external validation and to zero in on Mary Washington specifically, both a nationally standardized, computerized survey and a supplemental subjective questionnaire developed by the committee were used.

A computer-selected random sample of 1,000 alumni with valid addresses encompassed a complete range of class years. Each was mailed the standardized survey, and 466 (46 percent) were returned by the deadline. Each respondent who returned the first part was then asked to complete the subjective questionnaire, with 199 returns by the deadline. To protect the validity of the surveys, care was taken with both segments to insure the anonymity of the respondent. The intent of this survey was to establish a base against which the values of new graduates could be measured. In the future, new graduates will be surveyed periodically, thereby maintaining a current base of knowledge about former students' perceptions of the College. At this writing, much of the data is still being evaluated, with the intent of presenting a comprehensive report to SCHEV in June 1990.

This lofty assignment challenged the committee to think about what influence their college experience had on their own lives. Numerous discussions led to several hunches that the group wanted to test. The primary hunch was that the college experience would seldom be the single, or perhaps even the most important factor in achieving a "sense of self-fulfillment." However, it could be a significant enhancement to the established values resulting from personal motivation and family background. When asked specifically to rank their "Mary Washington experience" with other factors influencing "overall development and present level of personal satisfaction," the college experience was ranked *after* "family background," "personal motivation," "a particular person" and "religious orientation." By putting the college experience into perspective, then, it might be concluded that the college experience actually rein-

forces already established personal characteristics. The committee then turned its attention to matters more specifically relating to the college experience as to their influence on this particular area of personal development.

Perceptions of the Honor System, the specific academic atmosphere at Mary Washington, areas of general education, and perceptions of Mary Washington as an educational institution were tested. In addition, some effort was made to determine if residential and commuting students differed in their opinions about the College, how well the College had done in preparing students for a career or occupation, and if Alumni Association and other fund-raising activities were meeting expectations.

Some of the more interesting conclusions follow. Except in cases where noted, the conclusions were generally the same in all age groups.

The Honor System received overwhelming support. Eighty-six percent indicated that the system should be "preserved as it is" or with only minor adjustments. The majority in all age groups indicated that the Honor System reinforced already established values, with the greatest influence on alumni from 1945-1971. Unfortunately, the survey corroborated a problem that the Honor System is experiencing today; that of reporting violations. Small numbers (3.6 percent) of respondents in all age groups indicated that they had observed violations and not reported them. Of the total sample, 64 percent were convinced that the Honor System could work today, 27 percent were uncertain, but only 4 percent felt it could not.

In the academic setting, the respondents had some very strong opinions. Seventy-four percent said that the low student/faculty ratio was "very important" to their educational experience, with the graduates of the past 20 years having the strongest feeling. Eighty percent felt that professors were either "usually" or "almost always" available when they sought help. And the majority took the traditional route, feeling that class discussions with the professor as moderator or a lecture setting were more beneficial to personal and intellectual development than independent studies, internships and student-led activities.

There was ambivalence regarding the influence of a particular major. Over 30 percent said that the major had not been a significant factor in the development of a career. Comments indicated that the liberal arts underpinning, and the development of writing and other such skills contributed more to personal and career development than a particular major.

Of 23 general areas where one might suspect a college education would contribute to personal growth, our sample selected these as Mary Washington's greatest strengths: writing effectively, understanding written information, voicing an opinion, working independently, learning on one's own, organizing time, and understanding and appreciating the arts. Generally, they were less enthusiastic about the College's role in their personal growth in applying scientific principles and methods, understanding and applying mathematics, and understanding graphic information.

In another section specifically relating to Mary Washington and to the individual's background, additional areas that "very much" contributed to the present level of personal development and satisfaction were, in order of contribution: liberal arts and sciences emphasis, low student/faculty ratio, the major program, personal intellectual curiosity and motivation, and the residential nature of the campus. In addition, 81 percent said that the College cultivated in them an attitude of ethical and social responsibility.

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How do alumni feel, generally, about their alma mater? When entering, 69 percent indicated that it was their first choice, 22 percent their second. Sixty percent would "probably" choose Mary Washington if they had the choice again, another 22 percent were uncertain, but only 2 percent said they would not. Graduates from 1982 to the present were the group most likely to choose Mary Washington again. Forty-nine percent considered their education at Mary Washington to be better than that of other colleges, with greatest support coming from graduates in the past 20 years. Of those who have continued their education, 77 percent said that their background was "more than adequate" to "exceptional," and in the job arena 80 percent indicated they were "adequately" to "very well" prepared by Mary Washington for their current occupations. Over 96 percent said that their Mary Washington education had improved the quality of their lives. When asked if they would encourage children or grandchildren to attend their alma mater, over 85 percent said that they would.

Finally, 92 percent of the respondents indicated that they felt it was important for alumni to support Mary Washington financially. The primary reason they gave was "to show appreciation for their college experience" followed by "enhancing higher education in the liberal arts," "helping with financial aid," and "staying involved as an alumnus." A majority indicated "all of the above"! Of various alumni activities, "publications," specifically *Mary Washington College Today*, received the highest rating as an alumni service, and also as the source from which most alumni get information about the College.

Continuing evaluation of the data will reveal much more than has been discussed here. However, we can determine, at this time, that alumni are generally very supportive of their alma mater. Their lives have been clearly enhanced by their educational experience at Mary Washington College. The information gained will help to identify areas that need improvement, and to solidify the things that have been important to our alumni over the years—important to enhancing the quality of their total lives.

Outcomes Assessment has become a "household word" around the College. A great deal of effort from the faculty, staff and administration is being channeled into this process with the ultimate objective of promoting excellence. General education requirements, as well as each department, will be put to the test to see how well Mary Washington is doing its job. The process will last several years, but the early indications are that the College is measuring up very well.

Alumni have given their time to provide valuable input into the process. It is estimated that it could have taken as much as two and one half hours to complete both parts of the survey. The efforts of each person who completed the survey are very much appreciated.

Although additional input will not be calculated into the statistics, the committee welcomes any additional comments. To obtain a copy of the surveys or of the final report, please write:
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MWC Athletics In The '80s... A Decade Of Change

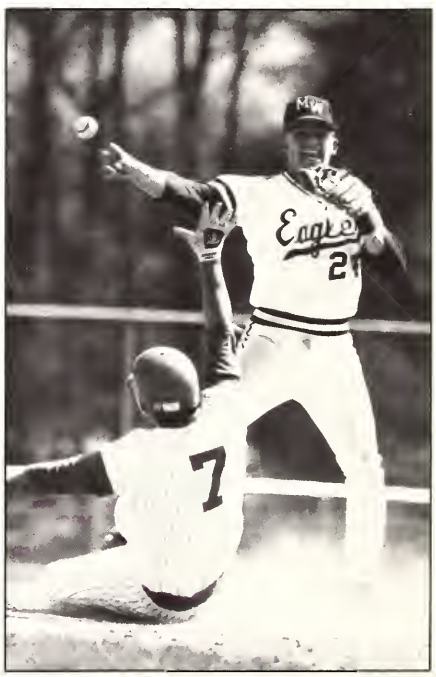
BY VINCENT L. BENIGNI

A soccer player juggles a ball first on one foot and then the other before he boots it across the green Bermuda grass. A tennis player serves, and the ball bounces on the clean, colorful court before her opponent faces the return shot. A baseball player traps a fly ball in his glove; two innings later, a hit caroms off the new, silver fences.

At Mary Washington College, the athletic program prospers with change. The recent completion of the Battleground Complex, which boasts eight separate sporting areas that sprawl from what was originally a nine-hole golf course, symbolizes the tremendous growth in MWC athletics.

At Hanover Street and College Avenue in 1980, there were 10 lighted tennis courts and a soccer field, constructed only two years earlier. In 1981, phase two welcomed a rugby field and an eight-lane Rubaturf track, which parallels Hanover Street for three city blocks. Additional field space for soccer and lacrosse enveloped the old soccer field in 1985. And finally the project became whole in summer 1988 with the addition of a field hockey game field (with Bermuda grass) and a beautiful baseball/softball complex at the corner of Hanover and High streets.

Perceptions about the MWC sports program have also changed during the decade. In 1980, MWC offered 12 sports to its student body. Now there are 22. Respect inside and outside the College



Top: Noelle Labar '88, All-American in women's tennis.

Bottom left: Basketball star Buddy Hawley '87 (right) with coach Tom Davies.

Middle right: Joe Kruper, 1989 Player of the Year in the Blue-Grey Conference, is a great hitter as well as an outstanding second baseman.

community grew, as an outstanding cumulative win-loss percentage (61 percent in 1988-89 and an astounding 72 percent in fall sports) combined with the College's strong academic reputation, to make MWC an even more attractive institution.

The architect of the present success in sports is Edward H. Hegmann, Mary Washington's director of athletics. His accomplishments not only encompass the aesthetic realm, but include concept and philosophy as well. Dr. Hegmann—also the chairperson of the Department of Health and Physical Education and twice winner of national championships as head women's tennis coach (1982 and 1988)—arrived in Fredericksburg in 1976. The challenges he faced were great, but the potential was enormous.

"In 1976, my office phone rang off the hook . . . everyone wanted to schedule us for games because they (other colleges) thought it was an easy win," said Hegmann. "But we started to build, and it worked because of the decision of the College to hire competent, full-time coaches. We've been able to retain these outstanding people because of our determination to provide first-rate facilities and because of the tremendous dedication of our athletes.

"We started with the 10 lighted tennis courts and have worked our way down Hanover Street to the new baseball/softball complex, which, with the sodding of a field hockey field, completes one of the finest outdoor facilities in the state of Virginia," Hegmann added. "Now, as we enter the 1990s, *indoor* sports will prosper with the addition of a new Convocation Center, which is in the planning stages, and will eventually be the site of MWC varsity athletic events."

Physical change is just one factor in the Eagles' "Sports Renaissance" of the '80s, in the opinion of Roy Gordon, who arrived at Mary Washington College in 1977 to become the school's first coach of men's soccer and men's tennis. The wide field now welcomes the outstanding play of his soccer teams, one of the top Division III contingents in the nation for the past several seasons. Gordon notes that the attraction of skilled players comes from a "team effort" off the playing field by the College's administration, spearheaded by MWC President William M. Anderson Jr.

"We've been very fortunate in the Athletic Department in having the support of our administration," said Gordon, who is also associate athletic director. "In my case, and I believe with the other sports as well, success has come because of a consistent progression. In the late '70s, our soccer teams played on 50 by 100-yard fields behind Goolrick Hall, and Ed (Hegmann) and I shared the four tennis courts on Sunken Road for men's and women's tennis practices. But the team records, the facilities, the perception from inside and outside the College . . . everything improved as we went along."

The old golf course is now the multi-sport Battleground Complex.

While Gordon's soccer teams went through a nurturing process in the early '80s until flourishing in the latter half of the decade, Connie Gallahan traveled an inverse path. Her 1979-80 women's basketball team finished 14-8 and captured the first of three consecutive Division IV State Championships. Her volleyball teams also were outstanding, as MWC had five seasons of 20 wins or more in the decade, including a 29-12 team in 1986, which captured an ECAC South Championship. Following that memorable campaign, Gallahan retired from volleyball coaching with a record of 215-113 in 10 seasons.

The volleyball team under present coach Dee Conway has undergone a rebuilding phase, with losing seasons in 1987 and 1988, but rebounded with a 26-11 season and an ECAC Tournament appearance this past fall. Gallahan could feel for Conway, because the women's basketball team endured a reconstruction, too. Following its ECAC South Championship team (15-12) of 1984-85, Gallahan's teams won just 10 of 71 games in the following three campaigns. Then, in the 1988-89 season, her team seemed to rekindle the magic of the early '80s, winning two in-season tournaments to finish 11-14. A pair of freshmen led the Eagles in scoring, a testimony to the College's attractiveness to talented young players coming out of high school.

Mary Washington College offers the total package—an exceptional liberal arts education and a successful, diversified athletic program—to the prospective student. Gallahan pointed out, "A particularly positive aspect of our academic reputation and tough admissions standards is that we can attract student-athletes who may have previously swayed toward other strong academic/athletic schools such as Virginia, James Madison or William and Mary. I feel that Mary Washington College is alone among Division III schools in the state for the student-athlete combination."

While practitioners such as Hegmann, Gordon and Gallahan and men's basketball coach Tom Davies—all of whom enter their third decade at the College—form the core of the MWC sports renaissance, a talented, enthusiastic group of coaches has helped shape it. This decade has seen 18 *different* sports teams advance to postseason tournaments (ECAC, AIAW, NCAA), with 26 All-American athletes representing the College.

Aside from the aforementioned accomplishments in women's tennis, men's soccer and women's basketball and volleyball, a number of additional MWC teams have captured titles in the '80s: **Baseball** (head coach Tom Sheridan), Blue-Grey Conference Championships in 1988 and 1989; **Men's Basketball** (head coach Tom Davies), Capital Conference Champions in 1984-85 and ECAC Division III South Region Champions in 1986-87; **Men's Cross Country** (head coach Stan Soper), Mason-Dixon Conference Champions in

Coach Connie Gallahan watched her team from the sidelines.

1987; **Women's Cross Country** (under Davies), Virginia Division III Champions in 1980 and VAIAW Champions in 1981 and NCAA Regional Champions in 1983, (under Soper), NCAA Regional Champions in 1985-87 and in 1989; **Riding** (head coach Carol Berry), Region VII High-Point Team, 1986-87 through 1988-89; **Women's Swimming** (head coach Miriam Greenberg), AIAW Region 2, Division III Champions in 1981-82, (head coach Paul Richards), Atlantic States Swimming/Diving Champions, 1987-88; **Women's Track** (head coach Rick Wagenaar), VAIAW Division III Champions, 1982. Also making post-season appearances: **Field Hockey** and **Women's Lacrosse** teams under head coaches Meg Kintzing and Beth Hollibaugh, and **Women's Soccer** under head coaches Pete Ginnegar and Kurt Glaeser.

"The decade of the 1980s saw Mary Washington College achieve respect and inspire fear from opponents," said Hegmann. "In 1982 alone, we participated in eight state championships for women. We won *five*. Thus the success became a double-edged sword . . . it gave us great pride, but was a source of frustration in terms of scheduling. The phone *used* to ring off the hook from other schools wanting to schedule us. After the '82 season, it went dead."

"But as this decade progressed," continued Hegmann, "people had to schedule us because we were being nationally recognized, so people couldn't duck playing Mary Washington College. This can be equated with our nicknames. When we were the Blue Tide, we 'rolled,' whereas with the Eagles (adopted in 1986), we 'soar.' Success on a national level is just one of the significant developments of the '80s. We also saw the flourishing of our men's programs, most notably soccer and baseball, which has kindled interest among prospective male applicants. The commitment of the College to hire the best available coaches and provide the best possible facilities has been extremely important to the athletic program. We've benefitted substantially from the tremendous support and visionary talents of President Anderson and the late President Prince B. Woodard, as well as the active interest taken by the Board of Visitors. And finally, MWC athletics are now used as a sales vehicle . . . through the media and by word-of-mouth."

Spread the word. The '90s are here. While it's not likely that the next decade will feature the same transformations as the '80s, it will continue to showcase an athletic program striving for excellence.

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FOOTNOTES TO FALL SPORTS

Shane Shackford '91 (left) and Dave Lausten '91.

BY JENNIFER C. STOUFFER '90

***Veterans/Past Allegiances.** Few of MWC's fall teams had the benefit of veteran players, but the men's soccer team—one of the nation's top Division III teams in the latter part of the 1980s—was well-blessed. Six of the team's 11 starters were seniors; two were alumni from Northern Virginia's West Springfield High School, and another pair were graduates of rival W.T. Woodson. All six began with the team as freshmen. In all, there were four West Springfield graduates on the team and three W.T. Woodson alumni. High schools in Northern Virginia have strong soccer programs, so talent from that area is in demand.

Two dominating forces on the team—from West Springfield—were Shane Shackford and Dave Lausten. Shane was a first-team All-American midfielder as a sophomore, junior and senior and is MWC's career assist leader. Dave holds the school record with 20 goals scored in 1988. These two young men had the distinction of being the smallest and largest members of the team. Shackford stands 5 feet 8 inches and weighs 145 pounds, while Lausten is a hefty 220 pounds and is 6 feet 2 inches tall. Each used their respective size to aid in the team's ultimate success.

MWC alumnus and former Virginia Intercollegiate Soccer Association All-Star Chris Farrell '89 had younger brother Tim to watch this year. Tim started at the midfield position.

***Road Shows And Headliners.** While the majority of the men's soccer team (18 of 24 players) hailed from Virginia, the women's field hockey team's claim to fame was widespread, as player hometowns ranged from nine different states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Senior Angie Head and sophomore Suzie Head, both Virginians, were on hand to face the competition, as was co-captain Renee Bald, a Maryland resident.

***Turnaround Is More Than Fair Play.** How about the turnarounds of the women's volleyball and water polo teams? The volleyball team—under head coach Dee Conway—had won just 21 matches in its previous two seasons, but finished the '89 campaign with a 26-11 record.

Meanwhile, the water polo contingent of head coach Paul Richards broke the school record for wins just halfway through the 1989 season. Leading the water polo team was junior Evan Stiles, possibly the school's premier all-around athlete. The polo team's best overall player, he also holds several school swimming records, and also pitched his way to All Blue-Grey Conference laurels for the Eagles baseball team in 1989.

***Baseball At An Apex, But There's A Catch.** Speaking of baseball, this past fall's roster could have been mistaken for a basketball team. Eighteen of the team's 29 players were more than six feet tall, with freshman newcomer David Williams the tallest at 6 feet 5 inches. Classmate Jay Glover falls one inch short of six feet, but with his catchy last name, he may become a baseball standout in his own right, and sophomore Dan Canfield aims to live up to his name as a starting outfielder. The team—coached by two-time Blue-Grey Conference Coach of the Year Tom Sheridan—was one of two fall teams (the other was women's volleyball) which had no seniors on the roster. The team had only five juniors and relied heavily on its 17 freshmen. It should become a real force in the spring season.

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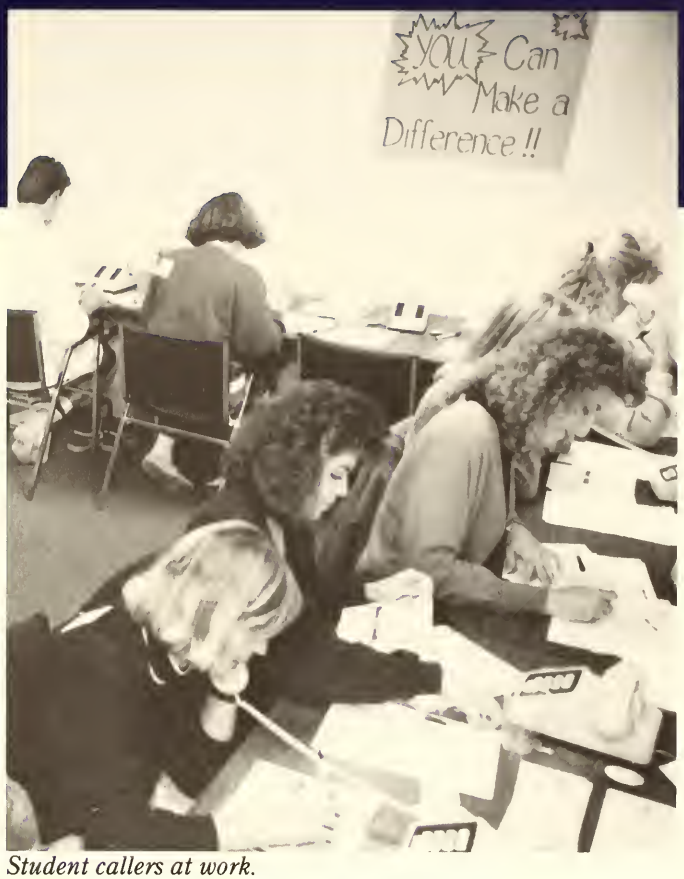
Fall Phonathon Sets Record

Chances are good that you received a phone call in November from an MWC student. And if the student reached you at home, chances are even better that you made a pledge to the Annual Fund. A total of 3,170 alumni and parents committed a record $182,147 during this year's program.

The phonathon program is directed by Suzanne McLaughlin '89, assistant director of alumni programs and annual giving. Preparation begins months before the first call is made. Thousands of forms must be ordered and printed. Phones must be installed, students must be recruited and trained, to name only a few of the many details requiring attention.

Several statistics from this year's effort serve to reveal the extraordinary support required by the program. This year 134 students and alumni volunteered 660 hours of time, and consumed 48 pizzas, six cases of soft drinks, and several hundred candy bars!

The largest share of the proceeds will serve to underwrite the financial aid needs of MWC students. Other primary beneficiaries are faculty salaries, student services, alumni programs including DVIR, and *Mary Washington College Today.*



Student callers at work.

Fall Phonathon 1985-89

	No. Gifts	Dollars
1989	3,170	$182,147
1988	3,039	$154,656
1987	2,746	$134,298
1986	2,921	$121,010
1985	2,325	$81,648

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Scholarship Recipients And Sponsors Recognized

As part of its November 4 meeting on campus, the Board of Directors of the MWC Foundation Inc. invited student recipients and sponsors of named scholarships to attend a luncheon in their honor. The occasion provided an opportunity for students and sponsors to meet one another, and for the foundation to extend additional appreciation to the sponsors.

Some of Mary Washington College's scholarship donors and student recipients.

Heritage Society

The Society was established in 1985 "to recognize those individuals who have so thoughtfully and generously provided for the College's financial future through charitable bequests in a will." To that initial purpose we have added individuals who participate in the gift annuity program. The following individuals have allowed us to list them as members:

Sidney and Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36
Anne McClerkin Arneson '51
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Campaign for Mary Washington

Planned Gifts More Frequent At MWC

While of relatively recent origin at Mary Washington, planned giving instruments are being utilized with greater frequency by alumni and friends as a way to support College programs. Since the beginning of the Campaign for Mary Washington, planned gifts have accounted for over $600,000 or approximately 14 percent of the total dollars raised.

Three of the more popular planned giving instruments are described herein along with examples that provide important details including tax information. For example purposes we will assume each gift was made in support of MWC's scholarship program.

The Mary Washington College development staff is available to assist alumni and friends with any of these or other planned giving methods.

Will Bequest

The making of a will is an efficient way of distributing personal assets at one's death. Thus, a person's will serves as the cornerstone for one's overall estate plan. A will bequest is the most commonly used method of making a planned gift.

There are several ways in which a charitable bequest may be structured. These include:

Fixed Dollar Bequest - generally considered ideal for bequests of smaller dollar amounts.
Percentage of Estate Bequest - includes a correcting mechanism in case the estate experiences an unexpected increase or decrease.
Residuary Bequest - declares all or portion of estate's residual goes to one or more charitable organization after relatives and friends have been provided for.
Contingent Bequest - designates a charitable organization to be the beneficiary only when primary beneficiaries fail to survive you.

The full value of a bequest is deductible from one's estate, thereby possibly reducing federal estate tax liability.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a contract between the donor and the MWC Foundation which guarantees lifetime income to the donor, or the donor and spouse. A sizable charitable gift deduction is received during the year in which the annuity gift is made, and a portion of the annual income is tax-free. The determinant for annual rate, tax deduction amount, and tax-free portion of annual income is the donor's age and whether or not the spouse is included. A Charitable Gift Annuity can be established at Mary Washington with a minimum gift of $10,000 and can be unrestricted or for a specific program.

Retained Life Estate Contract

A retained life estate contract enables a donor to make a gift of a personal residence or farm to Mary Washington College and retain lifetime use of the property for him or herself and a spouse. No change would result in the donors' lifestyles, yet they would receive a charitable deduction in the year during which the contract is established. Also, the value of the residence is deducted from the estate, thereby possibly reducing federal state tax liability.

Charitable Gift Annuity Example

Mrs. Mary Washington, age 75, makes an annuity gift of $15,000. As a result of the gift:

- The payout rate is 8.5 percent providing $1,275.00 in annual income for life (because of tax considerations the annual yield is 10.0 percent).
- An immediate charitable deduction of $8,106.32 is received.
- 43.6 percent of each payment is tax-free.

Life Estate Contract Example

John and Jane Jones, ages 75 and 72, establish a retained life estate contract through a gift of their mortgage-free home valued at $150,000. They retain lifetime use and during the year the contract is established receive a charitable deduction in the amount of $30,000.

Educational Partnership

While providing high quality education to its undergraduate students is its primary mission, Mary Washington College does not shy away from tackling other educational challenges in the Fredericksburg area. For example, the College has formed a partnership with school systems in the city of Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, Spotsylvania, and Westmoreland to establish the James Farmer Scholars Program. The program's main objective is to increase the percentage of black students who attend college.

Approximately 125 area students are participating in the program this year. Supplemental academic counseling and instruction primarily in reading, language arts, math, and science is offered through this program to students beginning in the seventh grade and continuing through grade 12. The program also offers scholars exposure to cultural events and the fine arts. In addition, counseling for parents and students regarding college admission and costs, plus sources of financial aid are offered. Scholars make several trips to campus during the year, and spend an entire week at MWC during the summer.

Two national foundations have made significant financial commitments to the program. The Jessie Ball duPont Educational Fund in Jacksonville, Fla., awarded a three-year grant of $102,978 and the American Honda Foundation in Torrance, Calif., granted $75,000 over three years. To attract national support speaks well for the design of the program directed by Venitta C. McCall, senior lecturer in education and director of the James Farmer Scholars Program.

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History Of MWC Reprinted

The MWC Foundation and Dean Emeritus Edward Alvey Jr. have teamed up to produce a facsimile edition of Dr. Alvey's *The History of Mary Washington College 1908-1972.* Copies are available at Trench Hill and the College Bookstore. The price is $25.00 with proceeds going to the financial aid program at MWC.

James Farmer Scholars.

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On Campus

MWC AMONG NATION'S BEST COLLEGES

Seven Virginia colleges and universities are among the nation's best 149 schools, according to the Oct. 16 issue of *U.S. News and World Report* in a special section entitled "America's Best Colleges." Mary Washington is one of those listed, along with the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee University, the University of Richmond, James Madison University, George Mason University and Mary Baldwin College.

Colleges were evaluated on the basis of five key areas: quality of the student body as measured by each school's selectivity, faculty quality, reputation for academic excellence, financial resources, and ability to retain and to graduate students.

In all but the area of "reputation for academic excellence," *U.S. News* used objective statistical measures to quantify each school's performance. To determine the strength of academic reputation, the magazine sought the opinions of college presidents, deans of academic affairs and deans of admissions. The opinion surveys, however, carried minimal importance in the overall rating each school received, counting only 12.5 percent of the total results.

The largest part of each school's ranking was based on statistical data compiled from the U.S. Department of Education and a college database maintained in Natick, Mass., at College Counsel, Inc.

Information collected on each school included the acceptance rate of applicants, average SAT scores, high school class rank, percentage of faculty with doctorates, student/faculty ratio, per-student endowment, per-student library budget and per-student instructional budget.

In interviews with dozens of authorities, from high school guidance counselors to Ivy League administrators, *U.S. News* learned that most experts do, in fact, agree on the key ingredients of academic excellence: a strong faculty that is both dedicated to classroom teaching and is readily accessible to students; a student body composed of bright, inquisitive and energetic scholars, who are genuinely interested in learning; an administration that provides the necessary financial support and institutional leadership.

This spring, Mary Washington will also be included in one of the country's most selective guidebooks, *Peterson's Competitive Colleges*, which lists only 322 of the nation's top colleges.

Changing Times magazine featured Mary Washington College as one of the nation's 13 best small public colleges. Mary Washington College also appears in Ed Fiske's *The Best Buys in College Education*, Dr. Martin Nemko's *How to Get an Ivy League Education at a State University, USA Today* and other selective guide publications.

Martin A. Wilder Jr., vice president for admissions and financial aid, commented, "We are pleased that Mary Washington College continues to receive increased recognition by the national media. This simply confirms the fact that we offer students one of the very best undergraduate educational experiences available."

HURRICANE DAMAGE SURVEYED

Three faculty members from the Department of Historic Preservation at Mary Washington and 12 of their students were among the first to document damage in the historic district of Charleston, S.C., that was caused by Hurricane Hugo in September. The group was the first academic-related research team called upon to assess damage caused by Hurricane Hugo. Its efforts were coordinated through the Historic Charleston Foundation. Within days of the hurricane's destruction, two different research teams at Mary Washington College were assembled. Each team was comprised of two historic preservation faculty members and six senior-level students majoring in historic preservation. Both teams stayed on site between four and five days and documented the damage, through written records, videotape and 35mm slides. The faculty and students stayed in the homes of families living in the historic district during their two weeks of research.

"In total, the faculty and student teams documented the damage incurred by over 500 private homes in the historic district of Charleston," according to Gary W. Stanton, assistant professor of historic preservation. "Hurricanes, by their very nature, are extremely unpredictable," he went on. "Strangely, some structures in Charleston that were propped up and barely standing prior to the hurricane were left untouched. Others, that were strong and well-built, suffered extreme damage in different parts of the city." Some of the homes date from the colonial period.

"This storm is going to have a significant impact on the types of building materials that are visible in the historic district," remarked Stanton. "For one thing, 60 percent of the city's seamed tin roofs were destroyed, and it is highly unlikely that these roofs will be replaced with the same materials."

In addition to the team's research involving private residences, W. Brown Morton III, assistant professor of historic preservation and research coordinator in the Center for Historic Preservation, studied the damage incurred by several significant churches in the historic district, including St. John's and St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

ABC-TV's "Nightline" interviewed Morton in Charleston and reported his efforts to study and record the damage. Documentation gathered by the Center for Historic Preservation at Mary Washington will be used as a basis for study by other research teams that will be called upon to assist the Historic Charleston Foundation.

Togetherness and sharing some college experiences are important parts of Family Weekend.

FAMILY WEEKEND '89

More than 1,600 people came from far and wide to participate in Mary Washington's annual Family Weekend, Sept. 23-25, 1989. On Friday evening, Class Council sponsored a Jazz Festival held in the Campus Center, which featured three live jazz groups. On Saturday, students and families enjoyed departmental activities, tours of historic Fredericksburg, athletic events (that weren't rained out!), and a picnic lunch complemented by live blue grass music. Saturday evening's talent show, sponsored by Circle K and the Black Student Association, spotlighted an array of student and faculty talent.

Especially noteworthy was the rich variety of departmental activities hosted on Saturday. There were demonstrations in the cartography lab of the Geography Department and in the Computer Access Center for the Visually Impaired. Ceramic and printmaking activities were held in the Art Department, and the Department of Classics, Philosophy and Religion showed off its IBCYUS computer, which "writes" in Greek, Hebrew and Coptic. The Biology Department's display, which included live sharks, drew considerable attention. One parent commented, "Our son was not aware that there were sharks on campus being used for cancer research. We especially enjoyed seeing the sharks up so close and learned a lot!"

ADMISSIONS NEWS

REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD INCREASED

Beginning with the 1990-91 academic year, the annual amount of the Regional Scholarship award at Mary Washington will represent half the cost of tuition, fees, room and board for a Virginia resident. This means that the scholarship has more than doubled, and that recipients will receive a scholarship of more than $3,000 per year. The amount of the Regional Scholarship will increase each year the student is enrolled, to keep pace with any increase in costs. The scholarship is renewable for the entire four years of study, provided the student maintains the required grade point average.

A total of 20 Regional Scholarships will be awarded to students in the 1990 freshman class. Sixteen of these scholarships will be given to Virginians, while four will be designated for out-of-state students.

All students who are accepted for admission to Mary Washington College under the Early Decision or Honors Admission plans are eligible for nomination in the Regional Scholarship Program. The application deadline for Early Decision is November 1. Honors Admission is an early notification plan which is automatically extended to outstanding candidates who apply for admission prior to January 15.

Regional Scholarship nominees then must complete a special scholarship application. A selection committee carefully reviews these applications and chooses a group of semifinalists. The semifinalists are invited to attend the Regional Scholarship Weekend on the Mary Washington campus in March, at which time interviews are held and the final selections are made.

RALPH NADER TO BE DVIR

Ralph Nader, noted consumer advocate and crusader, will be this year's Distinguished Visitor in Residence. On February 14 he will deliver a public lecture in Dodd Auditorium. Mr. Nader will be on campus the following day to talk with students in their classes.

The DVIR program is sponsored by the Mary Washington College Alumni Association.

William M. Anderson Jr., president of Mary Washington College, was appointed by Governor Gerald L. Baliles to the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Dr. Anderson is one of four prominent Virginians who represent the state on the regional board. The SREB is an interstate compact devoted to the advancement of education. Others representing Virginia on the board are Virginia Secretary of Education Donald J. Finley, State Senator Hunter B. Andrews of Hampton and State Delegate Dorothy S. McDiarmid of Vienna.

Roger J. Bourdon, professor of history, delivered an address to the national convention of the American Council of the Blind, which met in Richmond. He discussed this year's successful efforts to obtain funding from the Virginia General Assembly for a $4 million State Library for the Visually and Physically Handicapped. Dr. Bourdon serves as chairman of a consumer advisory group, Patrons Advisory Council, which helped obtain the funding. He was also one of three individuals selected to participate with Governor Baliles in groundbreaking ceremonies for the library in Richmond.

Marshall E. Bowen, professor of geography, recently published an article in *Agricultural History*, a quarterly publication of the Agricultural History Society. The title of the article was "A Backward Step: From Irrigation to Dry Farming in the Nevada Desert."

R. Leigh Frackelton Jr., assistant professor of business, received his certificate as a certified public accountant.

Roy F. Gratz, professor of chemistry and chairperson of the Department of Chemistry and Geology, and Margaret L. Crews, a 1989 MWC graduate in chemistry, presented a paper entitled "New Condensation Polyimides Containing a Phenyltrifluoroethylidene Linkage" at the Virginia Academy of Science meeting in Richmond.

The June issue of the *CLA Journal* (the official quarterly publication of the College Language Association) contains an article entitled "In Defense of Henry de Montherlante's *Don Juan*," written by Monique Masure-Williams, a member of the French Department. It is a 5,100-word study.

Lorene C. Nickel, associate professor of art, was the recipient of a faculty development grant which allowed her to spend May to June in Paris, France, studying the Gobelins tapestry technique. In July and August, she had an exhibition of ceramic work with Joseph Detwiler in Frejus, France.

Lorene C. Nickel

Cathy Paine, assistant professor of dance, has been selected by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond to be an affiliate artist for 1989-90. She will present one-day performance workshops throughout the state. The workshops began with the Petersburg Art League in September.

Aniano C. Peña, professor of modern foreign languages, delivered a paper, "Ortega y la *Volkerpsychologie*," at the Tenth International Congreso of the Asociacion Internacional de Hispanistas held at the University of Barcelona, Spain. Among the 600 international Hispanists, the United States was the largest contributor of scholars with about 200 participants, second only to Spain.

Mark J. Rozell, assistant professor of political science, was one of seven presidential scholars selected to appear on a panel at the American Political Science Association's national convention in Atlanta, which discussed "Dangerous Liaisons: The Presidency, the Media and the Political System."

Ronald E. Singleton, director of public information, was elected to the board of directors of the Virginia State Agency Public Affairs Association. As one of six members of the board, he will help coordinate activities for the statewide organization, which represents over 70 public affairs offices in Virginia government. Singleton also served as moderator at a national media conference in Harrisburg, Pa., coordinated by the University of Pennsylvania.

An article entitled "Peter the Great's Combat Admiral George Paddon, Captain, R.N.," about the Russian navy of Peter the Great, written by Richard H. Warner, associate professor of history and American studies, has been published in *The Mariner's Mirror* of London, England. The publication, the longest running continually published nautical history magazine in the world, is celebrating its 75th year.

The MWC Office of Publications won an award from the Educational Press Association of America in nationwide competition. The Distinguished Achievement Award was presented to Director of Publications Paulette S. Watson for the 1988 issue of the "Eagle," a color publication that is sent to potential college applicants. The presentation took place at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., and was part of the annual conference of EDPRESS.

Martin A. Wilder Jr., vice president for admissions and financial aid, was elected president of the Potomac and Chesapeake Association of College Admission Counselors. PCACAC is a regional association of more than 600 guidance counselors and college admission officers who assist students in the transition from high school to college.

Martin A. Wilder Jr.

Paul M. Zisman, professor of education, was selected to participate in a roundtable discussion, "Liberalizing Teacher Education," led by Gordon K. Davies, director of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. The program was sponsored by the Virginia Educational Studies Association and was held at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

June

The public was invited to the second annual "Monroe in Virginia Day" at the James Monroe Museum, which featured a dramatization on the lives of Monroe and his wife, Elizabeth, during their years in Fredericksburg (1786-89). The museum is administered by the College.

July

The new $3.3 million Campus Center won its second statewide architectural award in less than a year. The James River Chapter of the American Institute of Architects selected the Campus Center for its annual honor award from a total of 45 entries . . . Mary Washington's new $6.2 million library was selected by the U.S. Information Agency for an on-site visit by a representative from Pakistan—Ms. Nargis Naqvi—who is studying some of this country's most advanced computerized library systems. Ms. Naqvi is a senior library officer at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Pakistan's most prestigious international study and research institution.

September

Television and its effect on society was the focus of an art exhibit of oil and acrylic paintings entitled "Information vs. Data," the works of artist Kimberly Burleigh of Ohio. The show was a re-creation of approximately 20 scenes from television, some with a message superimposed across the bottom quarter of the screen. Her paintings address two aspects of television: its controlling influence over our lives and its role as an indicator of our society . . . Robert L. Hall, a Smithsonian fellow studying the evolution of Afro-American culture, lectured on "A Taste of Africa: Food Crops, Medicinal Plants and the Atlantic Slave Trade" . . . "On Being Temporally Happy: Theological Reflections on Aristotle," was the lecture topic of Stanley Martin Hauerwas, professor of theological ethics at Duke University, who spoke at the Campus Center . . . William M. Kunstler, one of the nation's best known civil libertarians, whose legal defense of the "Chicago Seven" and the "Indians at Wounded Knee" gained worldwide attention, spoke on "The Rise and Fall of the U.S. Constitution."

October

The 17th annual Career Day was held in the Campus Center. Over 65 organizations sent representatives . . . Paul Shaw, an internationally recognized piano soloist, performed in concert as visiting artist at the College. Winner of the 1986 Young Artists International Award, Shaw appeared with the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra in a special tribute to the *USS Chancellorsville* . . . Belmont, the Gari Melchers Memorial Gallery, and the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts cosponsored an exhibit, "Collector's Showcase of Native American Art: Where Legends Live," which was shown simultaneously in the galleries of both museums to raise the community's awareness of Indian culture. Belmont is administered by Mary Washington College.

Nobel Laureate in Economics James Buchanan lectured at Mary Washington in October.

NOMINATIONS FOR GRELLET C. SIMPSON AWARD

All readers of *Mary Washington College Today*, but most especially alumnae and alumni of the College, are once again invited to nominate faculty who should be considered for the Grellet C. Simpson Award. The award, presented annually as part of commencement exercises at the College, honors a member of the faculty for exceptional teaching. Established by an anonymous donor in 1972, just after the College became independent of the University of Virginia, the award was named in honor of the College's longtime chancellor, who had just become president, the very distinguished Dr. Grellet C. Simpson.

A selection committee convened by the dean of the College meets in April each year to consider all the nominations put forward by members of the Mary Washington College community—students, faculty, alumni and friends—and to determine who the new recipient will be. The name of the winner is kept secret until it is announced at commencement, and the recipient is then recognized by the graduates, their families and friends, and other faculty and College staff in attendance.

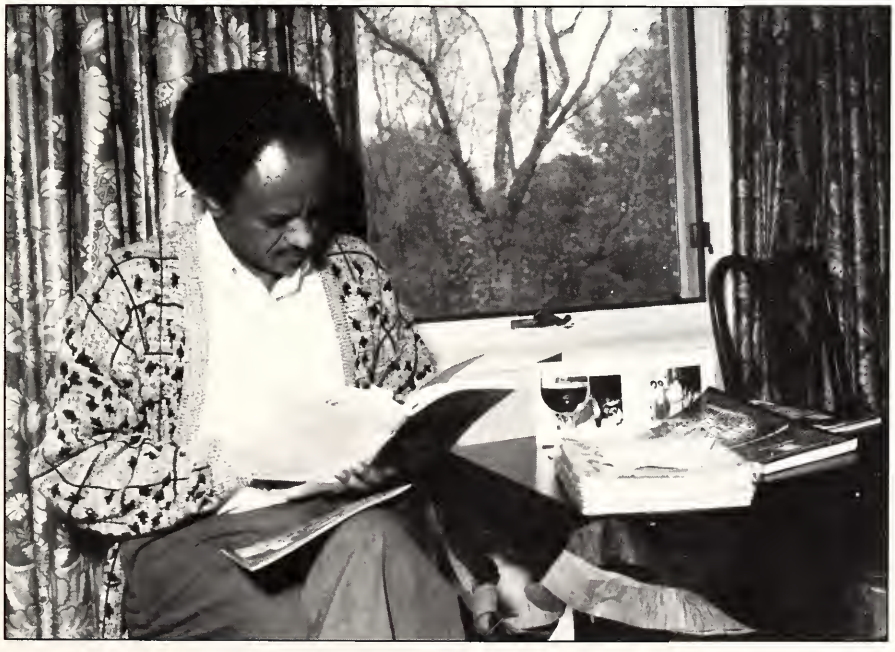
Letters of nomination should be addressed to Dr. Philip L. Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean. All current full-time teaching faculty of the College are eligible for consideration. Letters should be specific and persuasive, describing in some detail the attributes, activities and teaching accomplishments of the nominee which the committee should note in making its selection from among a number of impressive and distinguished candidates.

The committee and the dean urge you to think carefully about this important award which recognizes teaching and learning—those activities most cherished by the College.

Alumni News

Fall Homecoming Review

Fall Homecoming in October was an edible affair—over 250 alumni cracked and clawed their way through steamed crabs and clams at an "Eagle Fest" held at Trench Hill. Athletic events, the homecoming dance and "Barrel Blast" (with 650 students and alumni dancing the night away) and lots of talking and laughing made the crisp autumn Saturday a memorable one. Fall Homecoming, begun in 1987, has caught on quickly as a "new" Mary Washington tradition.



The second Black Annual Alumni Reception sponsored by the Black Student Association and the Black Faculty/Staff Association was held in the Campus Center during Fall Homecoming. New faculty member Taddesse Adera, assistant professor of English, looked through some admissions material related to minority recruiting.

FRANCES D. COOK '67

In late October 1989, President George Bush announced his intention to nominate Frances D. Cook to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cameroon. She would succeed Mark L. Edelman.

Ms. Cook is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor. Since 1987, she has served as director of the Office of West African Affairs at the United States Department of State. Prior to this, Ms. Cook served as the deputy assistant secretary for the Bureau of Refugee Programs at the Department of State, 1986-1987; as the consul general for the United States Consulate General in Alexandria, Egypt, 1983-1986; and as Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, 1980-1983. She was the director of the Public Affairs Office at the Department of State, 1978-1980.

Ms. Cook graduated from Mary Washington in 1967 and earned her M.P.A. at Harvard University in 1978. She currently resides in Washington, D.C.

WILL POWER:
Securing Mary Washington College's Future

A charitable bequest in a will is an excellent way to express appreciation or remember a loved one while at the same time helping Mary Washington College maintain its tradition of educational excellence. Just as the Annual Fund provides dollars for current needs, charitable bequests will help meet future needs.

It is estimated that seven out of 10 Americans do not have wills, thus abdicating to the state the right to make decisions about how their property is divided.

For a free copy of the 1985 *Consumer Reports* article "Isn't it time you wrote a will?" please write or call:

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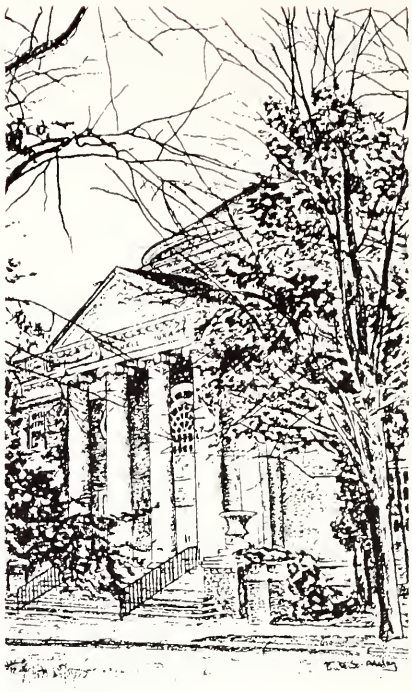

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HOMECOMING
REUNION WEEKEND '90

"Linking the Years"

JUNE 1, 2, 3, 1990

Reunions for classes ending in "0" and "5"... spouses and friends are welcome! You don't have to be a reunioner to come back for the weekend fun!

Friday's traditional "Brompton Welcome" • "Homecoming College" Classes • Fredericksburg and Historic Tours • Saturday Lunch "On The Hill" and Class Pictures • Campus Tours • Class Parties and Elections • Saturday's "Last Hurrah" Party • Foundation Reception for Honored Classes in Reunion Giving • Friday Dinner at Seacobeck • Sunday Service • "Linking the Years" Slide Show • Saturday Awards Banquet • Stay in Residence Halls

All Reunioners and Golden Club members will receive the Homecoming Reunion Brochure in April. Be sure to register early!

Call and write your friends, roommates and suitemates! Plan to make this the biggest reunion your class has ever seen!

Having trouble locating a classmate? Contact the Alumni Office for assistance, and please continue to notify the Alumni Office of the whereabouts of your "lost" classmates . . . we want to be sure they receive the brochure, too.

ATTENTION NON-REUNIONERS

If you would like to receive the Homecoming Reunion Brochure, call us at (703) 899-4648 or return this form to:

Homecoming Reunion Weekend '90
MWC Alumni Association
P.O. Box 1315, College Station
Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1315

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Class Notes

Goat Notes

On behalf of the Alumni Association, I would like to thank each of you who serve as a class agent. Some of you were elected, others volunteered, and many of you were "arm-twisted" to serve in this capacity. Regardless of how you came about accepting the position of class news agent, you accepted a significant role for your class!

In the position of class agent, you serve as both detective and reporter for your classmates and the College. You are a vital link between your classmates and the College, and you help keep Mary Washington in the hearts and minds of alumni and friends.

When the latest issue of *Mary Washington College Today* arrives in the mail, many of us turn first to the Class Notes section to read the latest news about our friends and classmates. Remember that, because of lead-time requirements, news cannot be printed when deadlines are missed. Deadlines set several years ago have worked out very well for completing the numerous jobs that must be done to publish our excellent magazine. So, classmates, keep your class agent up-to-date on your "happenings," and class agents, make sure you meet the deadlines for submitting your news to the Alumni Office. With everyone's efforts, we will continue to do our part in producing an excellent magazine and in continuing to be that vital link for Mary Washington.

Thanks to all of you for your outstanding job and dedication to MWC. In closing, a happy and healthy new year to you and yours from Steve, Brian, Martha Anne and me.

Fondly,
Myra Fleenor Foreman '78
Vice President for Classes

1918

Louise Milbourne Clarke
3020 Kenbury Road
Richmond, VA 23235

1924

Mrs. Sue Risheill Perry
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Alexandria, VA 22314

1934

Mary Virginia Willson
Rt. 2, Box 217F
Leesburg, VA 22075

1936

Ethel Nelson Wetmore
107 Manteo Ave.
Hampton, VA 23661

Louise Jennings Creamer had a visit over Easter from her daughter, Judith, who lives in San Francisco. Another daughter, Sally, came from Arizona to visit Louise over Memorial Day. I saw both daughters and Judith's husband, Larry, when I was in San Francisco in August. They came to see us at the home of my son and daughter-in-law. I have a new grandson, Thomas Jefferson Wetmore, born May 25. This makes three grandsons and one granddaughter for me. The others are 3, 8 and 10 years old. I was a latecomer to the "Grandmother's Club."

Page Whitehead Hladky and Louise see each other every so often. Page's son and his family from England visited her in August. Page is planning a trip there in April.

Frances Liebenow Armstrong wrote that Homecoming was great, with the largest attendance ever! **Vernie Blankinship Knight**, **Ruby Lee Norris Norris** and Frances were there from our class. There were about 25 Golden Club members in attendance. Frances works in the new library researching for Dr. William B. Crawley, who is the historian of the College. She still helps in the President's Office, and is also busy with church and alumni activities. Her eye surgery in April was very successful.

Recently I talked with **Lula Lee Llewellyn House** '34, who lives at the Hidenwood, a retirement community in Newport News. I met one of her identical twin daughters, Joyce, who lives in Bethesda, Md. Her other daughter, Gay, lives in Kansas.

Dorothy McGuire Bunch and I talk on the phone fairly often. Vernie wrote to thank me for sending her a clipping from the *Daily Press* about the Watermen's Museum in Yorktown. She and her husband donated a sailboat to it a while ago.

I wish I had more news for this column. It was great to fly to San Francisco again and to see another grandchild, the first baby for Cindy and Jonathan. Someone said: "He is a Wetmore." The Brown side of his family definitely shows up in my daughter-in-law's nephew, born two weeks after T.J.

1938

Mrs. Helen Pressley Voris
6086 Old Lawyers Hill Road
Elkridge, MD 21227

1940

Mrs. Lula Bray Cockerill
P.O. Box 574
Halifax, VA 24558

1942

Virginia Key Goolsby (Mrs. C. Morriss)
27 Carolyn Drive
Newport News, VA 23606

Many reported attending their 50th Reunion at Maury High School in Norfolk, Va.—**Doris Fentress**, **Dorothy Sawyer Ferguson**, **Mary Pride Hunninghake**, **Mary Margaret Tegg Kiernan** (an accomplished violinist), **Gwendolyn Miller Reams**, and **Isobel "Belle" Elliot Taylor**, who came from Florida.

"Traveler" **Mary Pride Hunninghake** enjoyed two weeks in Austria, Poland, Budapest and Czechoslovakia after touring China last year.

Gwen Miller Reams and husband report a delightful two-month motor home trip to our beautiful Western states. They saw Mt. Rushmore, the Grand Canyon, and Zion National Park. They visited family and friends in six states.

Isobel "Belle" Elliot Taylor received her master's of education degree from U.Va. in 1956 and is a retired guidance counselor. Her husband, Charles, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and has retired from the Navy. Belle is active in AAUW and has served as a member of the board and as chairman of fund raising.

Shirley Wingo Saunders retired after teaching 36 years in Alexandria and Fauquier County. Her husband, Carter, is a retired Federal Aviation Administration budget analyst. They enjoy one daughter, Carolyn, and granddaughters, Clare and Lindsay. Shirley has attended classes at Madison and U.Va. and is involved in church activities, DAR, Fauquier Retired Teachers Association, UDC, and volunteer work for the Fauquier Hospital Auxiliary. She has traveled to the British Isles, the Midwest, Florida and the East Coast. Shirley reports hearing James J. Kilpatrick at MWC and seeing **Martha Gouldin Slusher** '48. We welcome Martha and her twin sister, **Mary Gouldin Goebel** '48, from our "lost" list of missing friends.

Esther Prochazka Bass has been a widow since 1976. She has a daughter, Nancy Ellen, but lost a 16-year-old son 20 years ago. Esther has taken classes at U. of R., VCU and U.Va. and taught for 20 years in Chesterfield County. She continues volunteer hospital work and is a docent at an historical house museum. Esther has traveled extensively: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Europe; also in Tanzania, for an evangelistic mission project.

Anna De Negri Lawson and husband were eagerly planning a trip south to welcome their first granddaughter born in April 1989.

Ruth Capen Hartmann teaches adult education classes in foods and nutrition. She is a nutrition consultant and president of Herb-Earth Creations. Her activities include Girl Scouts, American Field Service, golf, sewing, and serving as treasurer of the Greater New York MWC alumni chapter. Her husband, Bill, is a retired chemical engineer who keeps busy in real estate. Their older daughter, Christine, and husband are parents of Erika, 11, and Adam, 9. Their mother is a substitute teacher and their father is associated with EPA-toxic waste. Daughter Janet sets up computer programs for the chemistry department of Union Carbide in Danbury, Conn.

Marion Albee Quinn is a widow with two sons and three grandchildren. She does volun-

teer work in church, school, DAR, Hampton Heritage Foundation, and Hampton Historical Society. Marion enjoys gardening, travel, animals, and collecting spoons. She is pleased to have enjoyed the '87 reunion with the late **Leslye Lau Drake**, having kept in touch for 50 years. In her '87 resume, Leslye attributed her happiness to "a devoted husband and three beautiful daughters."

Dorothy Graf Hecker has been widowed since 1975. She has two daughters, one son and two grandchildren. She was the head librarian at Olmsted Falls School from 1955-1972; campfire leader from 1951-1960; PTA member 20 years; instigated kindergarten in their school system; and was Republican committee woman for 10 years. She enjoys birding, quilting, wood carving, traveling, knitting, painting, gardening, sculpturing, basketry, gourd growing, and decorating. She graduated from Baldwin Wallace College in 1960. In retirement, she is caretaker of an 81-acre farm.

Marjorie Burgess Parce taught art at Wilson High School, Portsmouth, Va., before raising a family of four. Katherine L. is a kindergarten teacher and Burgess W. has a small construction firm in California. J. Wallace is an instructor and medical researcher at Bowman-Gray School of Maine, and Bruce A. is studying computer science. There are five grandsons and two granddaughters, three of whom are on the West Coast.

Marjorie retired from Montgomery County, Md., public schools in 1982. Husband John is a retired electronics engineer and joins her in many volunteer activities: Board of the Presbyterian Home in D.C., Meals on Wheels, Kensington Historical Society, and pastor nominating committee. Marjorie has served as clerk of church sessions and member of the session records committee. Her free time is spent with needlework, baking and gardening.

The year 1987 proved to be a banner one for **Anne Isabel Gordon Swift**. Not only did she retire as director of Career Placement Services at MWC after 32 years, but on March 21 she married her "sweetheart" of 40 years ago. Her husband, Frank Alexander Swift Jr., is a graduate of the U. of W.Va. and San Francisco U. Frank was a widower when he gave Isabel the opportunity one more time to say "yes." He has three children, and two grandchildren. Frank is retired as director of the Auditing and Appraising Department, Marin County, Calif. They plan to travel and live on both the East and West coasts. Isabel's activities and honors are varied and many. She is a member and officer of professional organizations including: the Virginia College Placement Assoc. (was presented the only Special Lifetime Membership in April 1984), Southern College Placement Assoc., College Placement Council (received Certificate of Recognition for over 30 years in Career Placement in 1986), and the MWC Alumni Assoc. She received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Fredericksburg chapter in 1985 (compiling and editing the 1987 reunion booklet for the Class of 1942) and also received the Girl of the Year award and Order of the Rose degree from Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She is included in *Who's Who in the South, Southwest, Who's Who of American Women, International Book of Honor, The Directory of Distinguished Americans; Community Leaders of Virginia, The World Who's Who of Women, National Social Directory,* and *Two Thousand Women of Achievement,* "just to mention a few." Isabel continues her interest in the welfare of animals (is a former president of the Fredericksburg SPCA), genealogy, needlework and traveling (Germany, Austria, Switzerland in 1985; Hawaiian Islands and extensively throughout the USA and British Isles in 1987). Isabel, we salute you! You have made a difference!

1944

Jean Adie Mogavero (Mrs. N.S.)
c/o Mrs. Susan Nunziata
26 Northgate Drive
Walden, NY 12586

Please note! Your new class agent will have a temporary mailing address for awhile. My husband and I are planning on moving, so please send any and all mail to my daughter's address above.

We hope to see those of you who couldn't make our 45th reunion at the 50th. What a great time we had at our class dinner Friday night, Saturday's lunch at Trench Hill, class meeting and then dinner Saturday night. The weather was perfect. **Frances Tracy** was home on leave and was able to make her first reunion. What a nice surprise. Hope to see you again on the 50th, Fran.

"On the Hill" notebook was left at class meeting in Mary Ball Hall parlor and can be obtained by getting in touch with **Christine Vassar Crute**, 2401 Landon Rd., Richmond, VA 23229.

Dorothy Drake Grothusen and Harry celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in June. We all had a great time.

Hazel Strong Morris had a fall after the reunion, but should be better by the time you read this.

Congratulations to **Nancy Duval Andrews** who had a grandson born on June 16, 1989.

Many thanks to **Marilynn** and **Joyce** for serving as class agents over the years. A job well done; hope I can follow in your footsteps! Also thank you, Marilynn, for your handmade gifts given at the reunion.

Don't forget to talk about the 50th reunion to fellow classmates—the time will be here before we know it, and we want it to be the best 50th reunion MWC has ever had. The College is bigger and more beautiful than ever—come see for yourself.

1946

Miriam "Mim" Riggs Gay (Mrs. Thomas B.)
612 W. Franklin St., Apt. 12A
Richmond, VA 23220

Jene Haley Allen, our former class agent, has retired from teaching and has renewed her interest in music, sometimes playing for clubs and fashion shows. She has three grandsons and is delighted now to have a granddaughter. Jene is in great spirits in spite of continuing to fight cancer. She sees **Betty Carrier Church**, **Jean Purviance Stephenson** and **Kate Parker Hughes**, who also live in the Tidewater area.

Many thanks to **Lynn Bennett Blackwell**, who wrote to say she represented the Class of '46 at the metropolitan New York area alumni meeting at the New York Yacht Club and enjoyed a video of MWC. She saw **Hildy Parks Cohen** '45 there. Lynn's husband, Guy, has retired, and she says they are living the "good life."

Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe is a faithful writer. She and husband Coy lead a busy and interesting life, traveling and keeping up with family and friends.

Janice Worsley Mayberry wrote from Rocky Mount, N.C., to say she and Linzy keep busy with their family. Their four sons are married, and they have five grandsons. Janice hears from **Nora Russell Dickens**, who lives in Wake Forest, N.C.

Betty Atkins Powers went to Europe this past summer. I had a card from her later, when she visited Maine. Betty lives in St. Pauls, N.C.

Mickey Dixon Sullivan lives in Manassas, Va., and enjoys being close to Washington, D.C. She is secretary to the school librarian in a school where they had a "Mickey Appreciation Day" last year. She and I spent two weeks at Wintergreen last summer, and Mickey walked to the mountain top every morning.

Ellen Campbell Dickson manages the wine and candy department at Thalhimer's Westmoreland branch in Richmond, so I see her often.

Vivian Wilkerson continues her career as pediatrician at Fort Lee in Petersburg, Va. She enjoys traveling.

Elizabeth Sullivan Vaughan and husband Lynn live in Blacksburg and have a home in Florida. They enjoy grandchildren and golfing.

In June 1989, I attended a memorial service for **Lelia Marsh Baldwin** given by her children. Her daughter and three sons have the qualities and spirit that we all remember about Lee. Those of us who attended the 40th class reunion had the joy of seeing Lee. We will not forget her.

1948

Angela Grizzard Wyche
3075 Bray Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Where are your newsy letters? Shall we blame the mail service again? None of us likes to see a blank column for our special 1948 alumni. I can use your news all year, especially for the winter and fall issues, so please write me whenever you have the opportunity. Just a card or short note will do.

Jane Jordan Kimball, who lives in Spartanburg, S.C., wrote that she enjoyed reading about several friends she had at MWC. She was delighted to contact **Bobbie D'Armand Rodier** through reunion news in Class Notes. Jane has recently retired from teaching kindergarten. She and her husband have bought a small farm where they are having fun re-doing the old farmhouse and barn. She has also taken up piano lessons again.

Ann Gregg Woods wrote a thank-you note for the class reunion news. She lives in Richmond, but a conflict prevented her attending our reunion.

Martha DuVal Bolling and husband Chester and **Joyce Wrenn Warren** and husband Thornie flew to England in October, rented a car and explored the countryside at their leisure.

After all of the news of our 40th reunion returnees was published last winter, it was pointed out to me that I did not include my own personal news. To keep this column "alive" in this issue, I'll write a few notes about myself. My husband, Mal, and I celebrated 40 years of marriage on June 11, 1989. About five years ago, we took early retirement and have traveled quite a bit. One of our most interesting trips was an African safari. Our most recent venture was a trip to England in May in connection with the tricentennial celebration of our church, Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach. We visited the villages and churches where our original parishioners had lived and worshipped 300 years ago: in Norwich on the North Sea. Our son, Malvern, is a commercial fisherman who lives in Buxton, N.C., on Hatteras Island. He is the father of my two "perfect" grandchildren, Holly, 4, and Brandon, 10. Our daughter, Kitty (MWC '72) moved to Seattle last fall. She is "recovering" from about 15 years of teaching. The Pacific Northwest is a beautiful place to recover. I belong to a three-table bridge group composed of all MWC alumnae. The 94-year-old mother of one of our group plays with us regularly!

1950

Dorothy Held Gawley
177 McCosh Road
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043

My main news for this column is that the date has been set for spring homecoming and our 40th reunion: It will be June 1-3, 1990! **Marcy Weatherly Morris** will again be our reunion coordinator, and I will compile the reunion booklet. Mark the date on your calendar so you can make plans to join the fun. When I spoke to Marcy at the end of July, she and Juney were getting ready for a trip to Alaska.

Nat Wilton wrote that she and **D.G. Pate Wilson** are thinking about making the trip East together to attend the reunion.

Not much else new because my summer correspondence was sparse. Hope to hear from many of you real soon!

1952

Claire Sindlinger de Groot (Mrs. Ward W.)
3248 N. Ohio St.
Arlington, VA 22207

It was a slow summer . . . but what a thrill I had in May! I was at the Congressional Club Annual Luncheon for the First Lady in Washington, D.C., when I heard a "Claire Sindlinger?." I turned and it was none other than **Jo Sidney Riddle Luellen** visiting from Kentucky. Unfortunately, we didn't have time to talk, but she looks great.

A nice letter came in from **Ann Gaines Louisell**, and I quote: "In late July, a few of us had an exceptional opportunity. An annual luncheon group, we met at MWC—enjoyed a lovely lunch at Trench Hill, prefaced by a mini-van tour of downtown Fredericksburg and followed by a tour of the new buildings. One cannot help but be impressed: The campus is even more beautiful than it was during our student days! MWC is alive and well and prepared to enter the 21st century! Though many of us might have problems with the computerized library! It's not too soon to resolve to be at our 40th in 1992! I know it seems only yesterday that we received our diplomas, but time does fly! The legislature has been very generous—but alumni giving is important. When an MWC student calls you this year, please contribute—every dollar is important! It has been gratifying to see the increase in the number of '52ers contributing! Incidentally—those enjoying this special day included **Gwen Amory Cumming**, **Rita Morgan Stone**, **Charlotte Adams Harrell**, **Nancy Parker Crocker**, **Mary Ann Jones Beard**, **Carol Edgerton Cooper**, **Dot Maynard Power** and **Ann Gaines Louisell**."

An update on **Barbara E. Campbell** was sent to us by her niece, Kay. Barbara taught first grade 1949-51, then returned to MWC at half-year 1951 to complete her B.A. She taught sixth and seventh grades for one year in Amherst County, Va., followed by 20 years as a sixth-grade teacher in Lynchburg, Va., city schools. Between 1973-89, she taught sixth grade at Temperance Elementary School in Amherst County. She received her M.Ed. from U.Va. in 1967. She has now retired, with a total of 39½ years of service.

1954

Helen H. Rearden
P.O. Box 20232
Houston, TX 77225-0232

1956

Beverly Almond Tucker
Rt. 2, Box 234
Gordonsville, VA 22942

From **Helen Jane LeRoux Marston**:

We've had several changes in our life lately, the best of which is Ayden LeRoux Marston Grout, born April 24. She's just beautiful, and is the utter and complete joy of her parents and grandparents.

Alan's business was sold to his young associate in May. This in turn led to a big surprise party for Alan at the Dog Team with over 200 people in attendance! He has served in the area for 30 years.

The house was also put on the market, but as yet has not sold. The cleaning out of both houses and the moving of furniture we wanted in Maine was a real challenge! Thirty years' accumulation of junque was overwhelming . . . we've vowed never to do it again!

I left my job in June with mixed emotions. I do want to get on with our new life, but the push of that vs. the pull of leaving a great working team, plus my clients, is a forceful one.

Our last big news is that we'll be doing a year's stint in the Peace Corps in Morocco. Our address there through October 1990 will be: Corps de La Paix, 1 zanquat Benzerte, Rabat, Morocco. I don't know what air mail postage is to Morocco, but please write! And if anyone can visit, Alan says that the tent flap is always open!

1958

Susannah Godlove
The Fort Loudoun Apartments
6 Peyton St., Apt. 1-D
Winchester, VA 22601

In June, **Judy Pyrke Orrell** wrote to say that she was planning a visit to California and needed **Jane Crenshaw Avera-Baugh**'s address. I directed her to the Alumni Office for the most current address. Later Judy let me know that Jane is now living in McLean, Va. Judy reports that she is sorry to have missed the 30th reunion, but her son was graduating from Virginia Tech that weekend. She keeps in contact with her former roommate, **Yvonne Lewis Alexander**, who lives in Delmar, Md. They have visited between Maryland and Virginia Beach, Va., this summer. Judy also sees **Camilla Dameron Rutter** quite frequently as Millie lives close by.

Many of you have probably attended your 35th high school class reunion this year as I did. While going through a scrapbook from Handley High School, I found an old newspaper clipping which reported that "**Joyce Butler**, **Norma Carter**, **Susannah Godlove** and **Reatha Ann Miller**, all of Winchester, have been accepted to Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia." Time goes by quickly! Joyce and I spent some time catching up on the past 35 years.

1960

Mrs. Bonnie Davis Hall
249 High St.
Hingham, MA 02043

1962

Nellie Peyronnet Drew (Mrs. L. H.)
Box 12
Hampden-Sydney, VA 23943

1964

Susan Orebaugh Nicholson (Mrs. Gordon B.)
402 East Wesley Road
Atlanta, GA 30305

This is a first. This is the only time I know of in Class Notes reporting history that the agent was reported deceased in one issue and still became the class agent in another! That's how much demand there is for this job!

Really, Class of 1964, I want to hear from you. I innocently volunteered for this job because I love you, and I love to get mail. It was much later during our 25th reunion that my roommate, **Carolyn Mitchell Macksoud**, and suitemate, **Kak Austin Keck**, broke the news that this job is for five years! (I thought I was volunteering for *one* year!)

I will put a curse on you if you don't write to me, so get those letters in the mail! Carolyn, Kak and I, along with about 50 or 60 more of our class made it to our reunion. Carolyn and Ken have a teen-age daughter, Kara, (who rolls on the floor every time I call because of my Southern accent), live in Barrington, R.I., near Providence. Kak lives in Burlington, N.C., and has been teaching English in public and private schools for the last 25 years. All you English majors out there—want to help "write"?

Me? I'm on my fifth career since graduating and becoming a registered licensed dietitian. I have just turned in the manuscript to William Morrow & Company for my book, *Save Your Heart With Susan* that will be published this fall. (If anyone knows Jane Pauley, tell her I'll be available.) The book is about cooking heart-healthy food in your microwave. For the first time in 19 years, I had to reveal a deep, dark

secret to my husband—Nick—something from my past. I can cook. For the previous 18½ years, we have eaten out. It's *that* kind of book.

Seeing friends at the reunion was even more fun than I even suspected. Staying in the dorm was not. Carolyn immediately drew a line down the center of the room and dared me to cross it with my mess . . . seemed like only yesterday she was doing the same thing. You see some things never change.

Living right here in Atlanta are **Pat Prewitt Clay** and **Karen Murrell Foreman**. Pat and her husband, Jack, and their son, Gregory, moved here from Prince William County. Jack is a retired Navy captain and is a sales manager for Service Corporation International. Karen works around the corner for a temporary placement agency.

Nancy Griffin McMichael and husband Mike were at the reunion. They have three sons and live in Dallas. **Eleanor Allison Moore** has been a teacher at Quantico High School since 1966 and obtained her M.A. in education in 1967.

Speaking of Quantico, I *made* Kak drive through town when we were on our way to the reunion, just for old times' sake. Anyone else do such a foolish thing? Those lieutenants sure looked young. And on to more serious stuff. **Linda Whittam Fichter** is the corporate secretary of husband Jeff's company, Credit Bureau Affiliated Services, in Wilmington, Del. Both of their sons are students at West Virginia Wesleyan College. Another friend from *that end* of Bushnell, **Marilou Pollock Lundberg** and husband Charley still live in Huntington Beach, Calif. They have a daughter and twin sons in college. Marilou writes that she and Charley are poor and lonely. Her roommate, **Hope Hemmersley Potts**, and husband Vin and two teen-age boys live in Waterville, Maine. With two teen-age boys to feed, they are probably poor, too! My junior year roommate, **Dee Dee Boswell Garofalo**, and husband Joe live in Brattleboro, Vt., and have a son and daughter. Dee Dee went to MCV for her senior year to complete her medical technology degree.

Elizabeth Jennings Peterson is a physical scientist with the Army in Rock Island, Ill. Her husband, Mel, is a chemistry professor at Augustana College. I had a good visit with Betsy at the reunion. Also in Illinois is **Bronwyn Jones Polk**, who received her master's in health facilities management. She presently is a consultant dietitian at a hospital in Belleville. Her husband is in the Air Force.

Another husband helper is **Paula Powers Warren**. She helps in husband George's law office in Montpelier, Va. They have two daughters.

Sarah Jones Rogallo is a programmer analyst with NASA at Moffett Field in California. Her husband, Bob, is a research scientist at the same facility. We were all glad Sally made it to the big 25th.

Barbara Kellam Latham had to decline, however, since she couldn't get a flight into Fredericksburg from Carouge, Switzerland! Her husband, Roger, is a chemist for DuPont. She has two daughters, one an MWC student.

Mary Carolyn Kyle Klingeman Lanahan was at the reunion. She received her master's in computer science in 1972 and currently lives in Annapolis. In Brooklyn, **Kristina Totman Ells** is a school administrator, having received her master's in home and family life education from Columbia in 1967. Tina and her husband have three daughters. Of course by now you have read about the generosity of **Alice Andrews Jepson** and her husband, Bob, to MWC. They were both at the reunion along with **Candy Daniel Howard** and her husband. **Rhonda Ellis Smith** was there, too. She lives in Hampton, Va.

Pamela Ames Mueller is an actuary and works for the GAO in Washington. She is married and has four children—from second grade to college. **Susan Armistead Evangeliou** has been teaching elementary school in Connecticut since 1976. She and her husband, Harry, have two daughters.

Janet Bagg Glancy and husband Don live in Naples, Fla., where Janet teaches English and American literature. They have two sons. Janet was at the reunion.

Jeanette Baker Pollard is chairman of the Special Education Dept. in a Henrico school. She received a master's from VCU in 1979. **Sharon Belknap Brown** and husband John have three daughters. She received an M.A. from U.Va. in 1970. **Nancy Booth** is a stockbroker in Elizabeth, N.J. **Camille Chesson Gendell** has two sons and a daughter. She and her husband, John, live in Chesapeake, Va.

Jane Cloe Sthreshley and her husband, Jim, both teach in Stafford County. They have five children. **Helen Daniel Howard** is a self-employed accountant. A self-employed image consultant, **Mary Ann Denham** received an M.B.A. in 1979, after receiving her B.S. in Medical Technology in 1965 from the U. of Ky. **Andrea Fiddes Kenny** is a library assistant in Madison, Wis. She and her husband, Jack, have a son and daughter. **Jayne Gosnell Jackson** received her B.S. and master's in nursing and recently graduated from the U. of S.C. with a law degree. She has a son and daughter. **Jane Hale** has been employed by the Byrd Press in Richmond since 1965. She is a computer typesetter.

Barbara Harper Carter works in husband John's company. They have a son and a daughter and live in Calabasas, Calif. **Pat Hess Jernigan** is an Army colonel presently stationed in Washington, D.C. **Barbara Ioanes** is a computer specialist with the GSA in D.C. She and husband Harry have a son. **Joyce Liggett Tollinger** works for a newspaper in Littleton, Colo. Her husband, Tom, is a teacher. They have two daughters and twin sons. **Frances Loftis** teaches Spanish in Lunenburg County. She is active in the Colonial Dames of America and the DAR.

Carol Major Smith is a library assistant in Warsaw, Va. She and her husband, Ben, have two daughters and a son. Carol was at the reunion.

I could go on and on about the reunion and tell all of you that didn't come what you missed, but I won't. I'll say just that, even though it took monumental efforts to connect with Carolyn to the north and Kak in the middle, with me bringing up the south, it was worth every effort. I am sure that many of you that attended have similar stories to tell. Now, here's the part where I get mushy—no matter what, first family, second friends are what is important in life. If you haven't talked to or written a friend-classmate recently, do it! Call them up and laugh about some dumb thing that you both did in college or about anything, for that matter. It is good for the soul.

Find your old friends and tell them you miss them. Start your plans now for the next reunion—our 30th. I don't want to hear any excuses, and remember what I said in the beginning, if I don't hear from you, consider yourself cursed!

1966

Ginny Bateman Brinkley
1792 Sea Oats Drive
Atlantic Beach, FL 32233

Congratulations to **Ryan Stewart Davis** on her new State Farm agency in Shelton, Wash.! She was to begin there in July 1989, moving her family from Oregon. They were very excited about the new venture.

I had a surprise recently—a phone call from **Carole Beall Schwartz** '67. In talking, we discovered that she lives right around the corner from me! She is married, the mother of two sons, and is employed as a librarian at our local Beaches Library. We are both interested in starting a Jacksonville alumni chapter if we can locate some more participants. Anyone in the area please call! We are both in the Atlantic Beach phone book.

Don't forget our 25th reunion in 1991!

1968

Margaret Livingston Asensio
4198-C South Mobile Circle
Aurora, CO 80013

1970

Donna Accettullo DeNyse
310 Merrimac Lane
Plymouth, MN 55447

Anne Sommervold LeDoux
1113 John Paul Jones Drive
Stafford, VA 22554

From Anne:

Mark your calendars for June 1, 2 and 3, 1990! We will be celebrating our 20th reunion! On August 19, 1989, **Kathi O'Neill Argiropoulos**, **Kathy Thiel Wisemiller** and I, along with other MWC representatives from other classes met at MWC to begin plans for Homecoming Reunion Weekend '90: "Linking The Years." Please make plans to join us for this weekend in June. You will be receiving information about the reunion, but please remember to register on time!

There has not been too much news to report. Since I did see Kathi O. and Kathy T. at the reunion workshop, I do have a little bit of news from the Northern Virginia area. Kathi is expecting a daughter on Dec. 25. She will join brother Jack, who is 2½. Kathi is still working as an attorney at Airline Reporting Corporation in D.C. Kathy T. is working as an attorney for AT&T. Daughter Sarah, 11, and son David, 9, are very active in sports. Each winter their family travels west for a vacation of skiing. For those of you who live in the Northern Virginia area, there is a group of mainly '70 MWC graduates who meet quarterly for

dinner in an area restaurant. This "Ladies Night Out" is attended by **Mary Pat O'Donnell Wiegard, Tina Kormanski Krause, Jean Burgess Botts, Dori Teipel Finch** '71, and Kathy and Kathi. If you are interested in attending these dinners, contact any of these people.

There is some news from Minnesota. **Donna** is adjusting to life in the North Country. Daughters Anne, 8, and Mary Jordan, 6, have adjusted to their new surroundings, and husband Bob loves his new job. Unfortunately, Donna was unable to attend the reunion meeting due to car trouble, but I was still able to visit her in Leesburg. Donna had news of **Ellen Grace Jaronczyk**—her son is starting his first year at the University of Richmond.

I finished my first year in the Stafford County Public Schools and plan to return this next school year. Being in a middle school was an interesting experience! Children that age are certainly a challenge, but I really enjoyed it and look forward to another year! My son, Matt, 16, is a junior in high school, and son Justin, 13, is in the eighth grade. Soccer continues to be their main interest. Both boys attended soccer camp at MWC, and had the privilege of staying in un-airconditioned Mason during one of the hot spells this summer!

Please remember the reunion. Plan to attend and be sure to register. Hope to see you there!

1972

Emily Radford
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Alexandria, VA 22314

1974

Margaret W. "Peg" Hubbard
210 N. Stafford Ave., #5
Richmond, VA 23220

Patricia Goodall Strawderman
11801 Ambergate Drive
Midlothian, VA 23113

We had a wonderful, overwhelming response to our letter requesting news from our classmates—thank you! As most of you realize, we just celebrated our 15th year reunion in Fredericksburg, and it was a wonderful event for those of us who attended. We were sorry to hear that some classmates came to Fredericksburg but did not participate in campus activities. We missed you! We had a small, but enthusiastic turnout and look forward to our 20th. We hope you will all try to be there. Now on to the news.

Starting with overseas mail, we heard from **Leslie Gross Huff**, who has been living in Japan with husband Fred and daughters Katherine and Elizabeth since 1979. They are currently living in Tokyo, where Leslie is the owner of a small English silver business and a professional volunteer. Also living near Tokyo is **Eiko Sakatani Yageta** with husband Ken and children Tom and Emi Jennifer. Eiko is working as an English instructor at YMCA Tokyo Branch and plans to attend the 1994 reunion.

Linda Raflo Raford is currently working as a midwife at Columbia Women's Hospital in Georgetown (Washington, D.C.). She and husband Paul and their two boys Noah, 11, and Jared, 6, are living in Gaithersburg, Md., which she calls "suburban hell" after two blissful years in Juneau, Alaska. We received lots of news from **Diane Doering Junker**, who is living in Johnson City, Tenn., with spouse Thomas and three children: Leah, 13, and twins Devlin and Sarah, 9. Diane has her RN and CCRN and works in intensive care. Coincidentally, her children are piano students of Mr. Roger Bailey, a music instructor at MWC in 1973-74!

Diane also writes that **Marnie Crouch Gordon** is a lawyer in Boston and twin sister **Kate Crouch** has been an executive in the Mobay Chemical Corporation in Pittsburgh for over 10 years. She also sent news that **Ann McCauley** and her spouse live in Pueblo, Colo., where Ann is a professional dancer, teacher and dance therapist. Finally, Diane wrote that **Anne Gilroy** and **Mary Hunter**, who transferred after their sophomore year at MWC, are still good friends. Anne has her master's in zoology and is pursuing her doctorate in human anatomy/physiology at the University of Massachusetts, where she lives with her two young sons. **Mary Hunter** and spouse are living in N.J. with their two sons. Thanks for the informative letter, Diane!

Jeanne Struntz MacInnis sent a postcard which revealed that she lives in Dunconsville, Pa., with husband Jim and two sons, Michael and Andrew. They are all involved in scouting. Jeanne recently received her paralegal certificate from Penn State University and is currently job hunting. **LaNona "Nonie" Gassman Robinson** has lived in Florida for 10 years, five of which have been spent married to husband Carl. Nonie is director of new business development for Practice Management Associates, Inc., the largest management company for chiropractors in the world. She and Carl are history and nature buffs, enjoy birdwatching and ballroom dancing.

Nonie keeps in touch with **Pam "Wart" Smith McGahagin**, who also wrote to say that she and husband Mike and daughter Sarah Caitlin, 19 months, are expecting another baby at the end of November. They live in Atlanta, Ga., where they are fixing up a 90-year-old house. Pam works as an associate producer in the promotions department of a local independent television station, where she also does voice-over work. Pam stays in touch with **Pat Denton Rounds** and **Diane Harvey Smith**. It was great to see them all at the reunion.

Debbie Ryan Howard, husband Roscoe and son Conklin moved to Richmond, Va., from Arlington, where Debbie had been an attorney with the federal government for almost 10 years. Debbie has decided to spend some time at home with Conklin while they settle into life here in Richmond. Debbie writes that she has kept up with several people, including **Karen Sunnarborg**, who was having a baby boy while we were celebrating our 15th in Fredericksburg! She and husband Paul live in Brooklyn, N.Y. Karen is planning a trip to Richmond this fall to visit Debbie and Patti and Peg.

Rosalie Yates Walsh writes that she and husband Chuck have two children, Taylor, 11, and Katie, 8, and live in Newport News, Va., where both are high school foreign language teachers. Rosie is finishing up a master's degree in secondary counseling from the College of William and Mary. Their family is very active in school, church, and the neighborhood association. Rosie keeps in touch with all the original Willard/six-girl suite in Randolph!

Patricia Barnett Millard is living in Crystal, Minn., where she is working on an M.B.A. from the College of St. Thomas. She is currently manager of human resources for Minnesota Mutual. Pat writes that she enjoyed reconnecting with everyone 15 years after the fact and is looking forward to the next time.

Susan Smith Timberlake is selling Longaberger baskets and enjoying country life in Mechanicsville, Va., with hubby and son James Lorran, 5, two dogs, a rabbit, a horse, a pony and six cows. She hears from **Judy Strohmeyer Elk** '75, who resides in Kentucky with her two sons. From Fincastle, Va., **Marcia Westerman Neighbors** writes that she and husband Mack and two children, Chad, 11, and Christine, 10, live in an old farmhouse. Marcia teaches music in Botetourt County schools. They are expecting a new baby in February. Marcia joined up with **Cindy Kear** (San Francisco), **Alice Harding Thomas** (San Diego), and **Janelle Hicks Wesenberg** (Bowie, Md.) at the reunion in June.

Janette Gates Sroka writes from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., that she and husband Bob and three children (ages 11, 9 and 7) are into their church, sports, music and scouts. Janette has a very part-time job in a nursery school and laments that there never seems to be enough time for good "old-fashioned" relaxation anymore! **Julia Blair Sanders** is still living in Irvington, Va., on the Rappahannock River with husband Bruce. In the fall, Julia will be a music teacher at a nearby private school and hopes to coordinate an art appreciation program for the public primary school. Their three children are 11, 7 and 4.

Rosalie Albrizio Thompson, husband Chip, and three children (Wayne, 11, and twins Letizia and Sam, 8) are living in King George, Va., where she is employed with UNISYS doing defense contract work in the field of software configuration management. A letter from **Bridget P. Binko** reveals that she has been married to husband Fred for seven years, and they live near Santa Cruz, Calif. Bridget is associate director of regulatory affairs for a biotech pharmaceutical company doing cancer research. She and Fred spend their free time sailboat racing, windsurfing, remodeling the house, gardening and hiking.

Carol Hemstock Williams earned a master's degree in special education from Trenton State College in 1977 and worked with children with emotional disturbances for two years. Since then she has worked for the New Jersey Hospital Association and in November of 1987 began working for Squibb Corporation. Carol met her husband on a Club Med trip to Martinique and she says it was the best trip she ever took!

Kathryn Elaine Talbert Williams is working on a doctorate in clinical psychology from American University. Prior to that, she worked several years in the mental health field. Husband Terry and son Brendan, 6, live in Arlington, Va. **Henry "Jack" Dunn III** and wife **Margaret Mullin Dunn** '75 live in Hazelwood, Mo., with their two children Quad, 11, and Mariah, 10, where Jack is manager of computer installations for American Express

Health Systems Group, a large-scale hospital computer systems company. Margaret is a tailor for Creve Cour Tailor and a volunteer reading literacy instructor for adults. They both scuba dive and have traveled to the Caribbean, Mexico and Europe.

Linda White Deola just completed requirements for a master's degree in health science at James Madison University and continues as program director at Arlington Treatment Center in Harrisonburg, Va. Linda was recently elected to District IX Board of Directors of Virginia Nurse's Association and became certified in chemical dependency this year. She has two children in college (Martha in fourth year at University of Virginia School of Nursing and Chris in third year at Roanoke College), and two children at home (Bryan a high school sophomore and Sarah in third grade).

From Baltimore, **Pamela J. White** writes that she is a partner in the civil litigation firm of Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver. Pam lives three blocks from the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. Her "spare" time is spent at Memorial Stadium cheering for the Orioles and attending to her duties as president of the Maryland Women's Bar Association, the Maryland Board of Law Examiners, and various bar association committees—not necessarily in that order! **Betty Orr White** '68 is in Honolulu, where she is the principal of Sacred Heart School. Betty is also Pam's sister-in-law, and she enjoyed visiting her this summer in Hawaii.

Sheryl "Sherry" Mickel Parrish (MSW, ACSW, LCSW) completed graduate studies in social work at Virginia Commonwealth University and postgraduate studies in social administration at the University of Maryland in 1982. Sherry is currently the director of clinical operations for Homewood Hospital Center in Baltimore. She and husband John share homes in Baltimore and Philadelphia, where he is on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania and director of behavioral psychology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. They enjoy the love and company of their 6-year-old golden retriever, Honey Bear. Sherry said that she had a fabulous time at the reunion.

We received a massive epistle from **Alexis Goble Whray**, filled with wonderful reminiscences about being a "techie" backstage at Klein Memorial Theater for four years, with her best friends **Suzanne Trich Bristow** '73 and **Susan O'Connor Damron** '73 ("Who was the cookie bandit?"). Dramatically enough, Lex met and married her husband, Rocky, just one month and three days after their first meeting, a blind date! They are living near Philadelphia, where she has found a job as office manager for a broadcasting research and consulting firm. She continues to dabble in theater, receiving accolades for her lighting designs and set contributions. She is also an "instant mom" since her husband has three children from a previous marriage. Ultimately, Lex would like to own a lodge someday, since her heart is in the hospitality business.

Christie Huddleston, who left MWC after two years, went to Temple University to finish up her undergraduate degree in anthropology. She then attended the Medical College of Pennsylvania, where she was in **Mary Beth Jones'** class. Christie completed a residency in psychiatry and since 1982 has been in private practice in the Philadelphia area. In October of 1988 she married Rafael Porrata-Doria.

A letter from **Deborah Parsons Tornfelt** revealed that she, her husband, and two children, Leslie, 11, and Eric, 8, lived in New Jersey for five years before moving to Vernon Hills, Ill. She taught in Nigeria, West Africa, with the Sudan Interior Mission for two years, and she plans on doing some graduate work since the children are getting older.

Finally, a letter from **Kathy Farrell Hershner** was chock-full of news. Here goes: Kathy, husband Gary, Allison, 5, and Lindsey, 2, recently welcomed baby Kevin into their family. After 10 years as a speech therapist in the public school system, Kathy decided to stay at home with her children. She and her husband were able to take a week-long Caribbean cruise in the spring before their family increased to five! Although Kathy did not make it to the reunion in Fredericksburg, several of the Class of '74 got together in Richmond in July. **Michelle Lalle Rush** and husband Nowell recently bought a new house in McLean, Va., where they live with their two children, Kristen, 9, and Patrick, 6. Michelle and Nowell took a trip to Switzerland in the spring, and the entire family had a Hawaiian Christmas in 1988.

Debbie Fricke Carlisle lives in Andover, Mass., with her three girls, Jessica, 10, and twins Emily and Meredith, 8. Debbie has been taking college courses toward certification to teach high school English. In the meantime, she has been substitute teaching in the middle and secondary schools, including several months as a counselor. A major accomplishment that she is proud of is the fact that she ran in and completed the Boston Marathon! **Katherine Farrar Willard** and husband Fred recently bought a new house in Charlottesville, where Katherine works as a nurse at U.Va. Hospital, often in the labor and delivery rooms. They have two children, Reed, 6, and Carter, 3.

Mary Gaber Young lives in Virginia Beach with husband Scott and 8-year-old daughter Sarah. Mary works as a dental hygienist, although she has returned to school part time in anticipation of a career change to marketing of medical supplies. **Barbara Bowman Scott**, husband Scott, Kenny, 7, and Cameron, 4, live in Richmond, where she works as a middle and secondary speech therapist in Chesterfield County schools. Barbara and **Kathy Farrell Hershner** get together regularly.

Kathy also writes that **Chris Romanias Bury** and husband Charlie own and operate a children's bookstore called Storybook Palace in Burke Town Plaza in Burke, Va. They know what appeals to children since they have two boys of their own, Michael, 5, and David, 2. **Pat McIntyre Oleniacz** lives with husband Bernie in Vienna, Va., where Pat works for an area company as a translator. They have one child, Andrew, 1. Kathy also stays in touch with **Janette Gates Sroka**, who visited some MWC friends in Annandale last April. Thanks for sending us all that news, Kathy!

Some of the original Willard crowd who got together at the reunion included **Lisa Tyree**, **Jonette DeButts Hahn**, **Susan Tyler Maguigan**, **Pat Denton Rounds**, **Diane Harvey Smith**, **Nancy Pederson Trzcinski** (and new hubby Hank), and **Pam "Wart" Smith McGahagin**. We enjoyed seeing everyone and catching up on one another's lives. Due to limited space, we will save further information on these folks for the next *Mary Washington College Today*. Keep those cards and letters coming—this is fun!

1976

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Alison Cross Denler now has two daughters to make beautiful smocked clothing for. Her first daughter, Ellen, is in kindergarten and loves school. Alison's husband, John, is based in Parsippany, N.J., with AT&T. Alison also wrote that her sister, **Martha Cross Swafford** '78, her husband, Dave, and children live in Alabama near Fort Rucker.

Janis Biermann is currently vice president, director of program services for the Leukemia Society of America in New York City. Jan comes to the Washington area often to visit **Marti Taylor Clements**, husband Mark and their boys, Rob and Geordy. Jan and I recently had a "mini-reunion" with **Carolyn Roberts**. Carolyn lives in Potomac, Md., and was recently promoted to managing director of the Small Business Lending Group, Montgomery County Division, at Maryland National Bank. Carolyn and I work in the same building in Rockville, Md., so we see each other often for lunch. Jan told us about her recent visit to see **Susan Grimes** in Burlington, Vt. Susan was pregnant, and I guess seeing Jan was such a thrill that she had her baby boy the next day! Susan is now back to work with her dentistry practice in Burlington.

I called **Madelin Jones Barratt**—she's always a wealth of information about fellow MWC graduates. Madelin's next-door neighbor in Falls Church, Va., is **Nadina Barnes Ross** '78.

Sue Sendlein Luscomb visited Madelin in June 1989. Her daughters, Alicia and Ashton, have a wonderful time playing with Madelin's two children, William and Ellen. Sue lives in Memphis, where her husband is a physician, and she is doing volunteer work delivering meals to the elderly. Madelin also sees **Maryanne Kalafat Wray** often—they teach Sunday school at the same church. Maryanne has two sons, Joel and Jonathan. Her husband, Tim, is in the Marine Corps, and they are currently waiting to see where their next assignment will be. Madelin and her husband, Henry, were guests of **Sharon Reel Fuhrmeister** and her husband, Carl, recently. Sharon, Carl and their two children, Krista and Gregory, live in Haddonfield, N.J.

Barb Schultheis Snyder and husband John moved to Memphis recently with their two children, Anna and Alex. Barb is teaching kindergarten at St. Mary's, a girls' school in Memphis, and John is managing properties for Towermarc.

Mary Carroll Myers and husband Mark live in St. Petersburg, Fla., where Mary works as a city planner. Mary does volunteer work for a local professional theater. She is on the board of trustees and does a lot of work to put on the annual outdoor Shakespeare Festival.

I vacationed in Hawaii last year and stayed

with **Marian Donohue** and **Jane Eckelman Wingert**. They both attended graduate school in Hawaii and never wanted to leave. I can understand why! Marian works with the Hawaii State Department of Health, and Jane has her own company, Manoa Mapworks. I spent Thanksgiving with them, and Jane made a fabulous Thanksgiving dinner for us, Hawaiian style!

1978

Elizabeth Somerville Hutchins
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Thanks to everyone who sent me news this time! **Deborah Jennings Bowler** writes that she is currently the chairman of the Social Science Department at Courtland High School in Spotsylvania County, where she has been teaching for the past nine years. She and husband Bob have a son, Jordan, who is 3. Deborah has hosted several student teachers from MWC in her class at Courtland.

Roxanne Helsley Cousins and husband have two girls, Andrea, 5, and Catherine, 2½. Roxanne helps in their marketing business and works with children in their church. They plan to visit in Virginia in April.

A recent graduate of Columbia Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of Missions, **Wilma Bingham** is now job hunting. Wilma has her master's in Christian education with a certificate for counseling. In 1987 she studied in Israel and climbed Mt. Sinai. The following year she toured Eastern Europe as part of a singing group, and this year she did her internship at a Christian girls' camp in Maine. In February 1989, she attended **Mary Grace Curlander**'s wedding to Dave Fordyce in Timonium, Md. In the wedding were **Demetria Smith Laird** and **Melissa Hartman**. Mary Grace is teaching in Baltimore County.

Wilma has also visited **Pamela Johnson Lantz**, her husband, Russ, and their daughters, Sarah and Rebecca, who live in Levittown, Pa. **Cathy Vaughn Gill** has just started a nursery school in her church in Gum Springs, Va. She is director and teacher in the school as well as mother to Rebecca, 8, Joel, 6, and Benjamin, 1½. Cathy is due to deliver baby number four in December.

Beth Doggett Atkinson is now living in Northern Virginia with her husband, son Jeremy, and daughter Virginia. Dr. King Stablein, a former MWC geology professor, visited them in August.

Kathy Mayer Rugh is serving her final year on the MWC Board of Visitors. She is active in the Junior League of Washington and the DAR. Her husband, Tim, works in Washington, D.C., with a multi-management company. Kathy is currently closing the corporate office of Entre Computer Centers in McLean due to a corporate acquisition. She is also staying busy with daughter Haley Kathleen. Kathy sees **Cindy Reeves Mohr** and her husband, Tom, and son William, who live in Grottoes.

Jane Baugh Roth and Tom live in Roanoke, where she is the reference librarian at Hollins College. She has been appointed to be in charge of the library instruction in short term program which begins in January. Tom is director of music at Christ Episcopal Church and has three choirs. One member of his group is **Anne Sauder** '80.

Vickie Nichols, **Lisa Bratton Soltis** '79 and **Pat Buckley Wolthuis** '76 are trying to reactivate the Roanoke MWC Alumni Chapter.

Deby Cox Bigdely and Bill are living in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., where he is the division substation engineer for VEPCO. Both Deby and Bill are kept busy in the activities of their sons, Austin, 7, Adam, 5, and Tommy, 3. Deby asks her fellow alums to write her.

Hilda Bennett Altman is on a leave of absence from teaching this year and will have had her third child in October.

Linda Capaldi Bagnal is starting her final year at Yale Divinity School and working part time as assistant minister at the First Church of Christ in Suffield, Conn. Her children are now 7, 8 and 9 years of age. She saw **Terrie Gladney Howard** and Neil recently. Terrie is going to school to become a surgical assistant.

Cheryl Johnston Bishop-Bailey wrote from England to tell us of her and husband Michael's good fortune in receiving an invitation to the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in early July. "It was quite an impressive event to say the least," she said. "I wouldn't be writing to mention it a year later, except that we've had even more exciting news for this year. It has just been announced in the Queen's birthday honours list that Michael is to receive the honour of an MBE from the Queen for outstanding services as a Lt. Cdr. in the Royal Navy. We will be going to the investiture at Buckingham Palace in October for Michael to receive his award from Her Majesty. In addition, Michael will be leaving the Royal Navy in August to go to work for the Inland Revenue. Our current intentions are to remain in Weymouth." Cheryl went on to say that she's heard from **Jayne Uyeda Richardson** (originally with the Class of '78) some time ago. She is still living in South Carolina, now has her own dance studio and is continuing to study for a degree in education.

I am home again this year with Katherine and Rachel and enjoying every minute of it. I've got time to read your news (here and there) so keep it coming!

1980

Julia Harrell Hewitt
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A letter from **Betsy Pruden Duke** said: "I thought it was high time to write since our 10-year reunion is just around the corner, and I very much hope to be there and catch up with everyone. I have been somewhat busy since '80, remaining in Fredericksburg after graduation until October 1985. I was taking classes at night at MWC trying to pursue another degree in business administration and working in Rosslyn, Va., during the weekdays. After five years of commuting 100 miles a day and the death of my father, I decided to move back to Suffolk with my mother and start anew. It turned out to be the right decision.

"I have a career in Norfolk (a mere 18 miles from my house) at a commercial credit company called Norshipco Financial Corporation (Norshipco is an acronym for Norfolk Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation, the parent company). Since it was a new company, I was able to start on the ground, and now, as the company has grown considerably since 1986, I am depended upon to manage the entire daily operations.

"On July 9, 1988, I married William R. Duke Jr. "Bill" and it has been terrific! We live with our two dogs, Juni Mae and Hash Brown. About the time I got married I heard from **Sally MacAdoo** and spoke to **Barbara "Cookie" Pittman Ferrier**. Sally was in Texas and Cookie was living in Williamsburg.

"I saw **Betty Kay Williams Manzi**'s mother at a shrimp feast in Suffolk this spring and talked to her about Betty Kay and John and their family. They live in Massachusetts, and her mother said they were very happy."

Also received a long letter from **Katy Hayman Sommers**. She and husband John live in Charlotte, N.C. She is home with Betsy, 3, and Teddy, 1. Katy sent the following news:

Lynn Honeycutt Hellams and her husband, Randy, are in Richmond. She is a medical technologist and Randy is finishing graduate school. They have a daughter, Danielle, 2.

Kathy Snyder Dooling and husband Tom are in Mequon, Wis. She is home with Tommy, 4, and Patrick, 1.

Ellen Schramm Erath and husband Paul are on Long Island. She is home with Allison, 5, and Lauren, 8 months.

Sandy Jones Adams and husband Mike are in Richmond. She is a CPA with the state of Va. They have a son, David, 10-months-old.

Terri Moynihan Snidow and husband Bobby are in Chapel Hill, N.C. She finished medical school at MCV and is currently working on a fellowship in neonatal intensive care. They have a daughter, Greyland, 2.

Kathy Whalen Benedict and husband Jimmy are in Los Angeles, Calif. After a stint with the Peace Corps in Honduras, they have ended up in Calif., where she is a speech pathologist. They have a daughter, Maggie, 3, and are expecting a second daughter any day now.

Leslie Zehmer Campbell and husband Chip are in Bowling Green, Va. She is teaching with the Spotsylvania County schools. They have two sons, John Hardy, 4, and Scott, 1.

Lori Rosche Davis '81 and husband Larry are in Williamsburg. She is home with Abby, 4, and Alex, 1.

Audrey Komito Thomson and "Perfect Gordan" are returning from the Philippines, where he has been stationed with the Air Force. She is home with a daughter.

1982

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Hi classmates! I haven't heard from anyone in a long time so I don't have any stellar news! But I've been involved with the D.C./Metro steering committee, and we are trying to get

chapter events rolling. Our first event was a happy hour out at the Tysons Corner Marriott, where I saw a lot of familiar faces! If you are living in the metropolitan Washington area and are interested in joining the fun, please feel free to contact me for details. Come on out and have some fun with fellow alums! Please get in touch if you have any news you want posted!—Nancy.

1984

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From Linda:

Greetings Class of '84! This is our first attempt at being your class agents. Many thanks to **Janice Conway** and **Linda McKnight Gott** for serving as our class agents for the past five years. We are seeing how time-consuming the job can be!

Mary Washington College was the site of our fifth year reunion, held in June. A big thank-you to **Becky Rooks O'Farrell** for her wonderful design that graced the cover of our reunion booklet and also to **Darnell Horio** for all of the hours she spent compiling and producing the reunion booklet. The booklet was the subject of many compliments! We had a nice turnout at the reunion. It gave us all a chance to catch up on the "scoop."

Barbara "Boo" Katenbrink Chesser is working as a personnel assistant for the city of Charlottesville. She and her husband, Dave, are expecting their first child in December. **Sarah Kosak Calvert** currently attends George Mason Law School, where she will graduate in May 1990. Sarah and her husband just bought a house in Manassas.

Lynne Ballard Lansford is living here in Fredericksburg. She teaches high school Spanish for the Stafford County schools. Lynne is also the coach for the girls' field hockey team. I hear that she has a very promising team!

Jane Coleman is living in Richmond and working as a marketing assistant for Life of Virginia. **Warren** and **Jane Shawn Arbogast** were also at the reunion. They have a 1½-year-old boy and are expecting another child this fall.

Cary "Pelto" Miller is living in Fredericksburg and working as a systems engineer with Planning Consultants, Inc. in Dalhgren.

It was great seeing **Sue Scafuro** at the reunion. She is currently the head of recruiting for a Wall Street law firm.

J. Mark Scott and his wife, Marianna, are still in Charlottesville with their daughter, Margaret Afton, who will be a year old in December.

Dan Steen is working as an attorney for Reed, Smith, Shaw and McClay in D.C. Dan and his wife, **Ann Thompson** '83, bought a house in Northern Virginia and are busy working on it. **Lori Wendt Hudson** and her husband, Dan, had a baby this summer. Lori and Dan have a computer consulting company.

I see **Kerry Devine John** frequently. She is working part time for the Alumni Association. Kerry is also serving as the secretary for the Fredericksburg Chapter. Kerry and **Jeff** '78 have an 18-month-old son, Cameron, and are expecting another baby in November.

Captain **Dan Kelly**, USMC, is currently stationed at the TBS School at Quantico, Va. Rumor has it that Dan has been given the nickname of "Machine Gun" Kelly.

Carol Miller Berry is the MWC Riding Team coach. The team has done extremely well under Carol's leadership. **Bill Grosskopf** and his wife, **Ruth Bonner** '85, are living in Germany. They also have a baby.

Rose Marie Finney is also living in Fredericksburg, where she teaches. I often see her walking around the city. Rose Marie helped the Fredericksburg Chapter with its various fund-raising projects.

Genine Lentine has been working towards her Ph.D. in linguistics at George Washington University. She is teaching at Mary Washington College this fall. **Frank Gilmore** married **Karen Novack** '86 in September.

Dave Farmer is getting ready to take his trip to Germany. **Todd Raymond** is also making the trip. Dave hopes to be able to visit the Grosskopfs while he is in Germany.

Mickey Houck also resides in Fredericksburg. He has volunteered his music services to the Alumni Association for various social events.

Lavonda Simpson moved into a new apartment right after reunion. She is still living in Richmond and working at Central Fidelity Bank as an installment loan officer. Lavonda is involved with the Richmond Chapter of the Alumni Association.

Darnell Horio is currently the legislative assistant in the D.C. office of General Public Utilities. In her "spare time," Darnell handles the publicity for the D.C./Metro Chapter.

Darnell, Lavonda and I attended the Alumni Association Leadership Conference held at MWC on Sept. 15-16. We received the Tri-Unit Award because where you saw one of us, the other two were not far behind!

Bill Waller has moved back to the Falls Church area. **James Miller** is still working for IBM in Dallas and loving it! He is on a temporary assignment away from his normal position. He and his wife purchased a house several months ago.

As for me, I am working at Quantico and am currently the head of Internal Audit for the MWR Division. In my spare time, I serve as the Fredericksburg Chapter President for the Alumni Association.

Please write and let James and me know what everyone is up to! We will probably send out a questionnaire in January/February to catch up on the scoop.

1986

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1988

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Laura Starbling wrote me a letter and gave me some insight as to what some of our classmates up north are up to. Laura herself is working for Cable and Wireless Communications in Garden City, N.Y., as a marketing rep. She started there in June after a trip to England and Scotland. **Liz Agro** and **Wendy Cowan** just got an apartment together in Brooklyn. Liz is working on her master's degree in art history at Hunter College. Wendy is also working towards her master's. I'm not sure whether or not it's at the same college, but I think it is. **Ernest Porter** is living in Shoreham and working for the IRS while interviewing and contemplating grad school. He just got back from a trip to Montreal with former Seacobeck buddy, **David Greer**. **Colleen Chruney** is living in Charlottesville with **Lisa McKenna**. **Tracey Paner** started her second year of law school at the Univ. of Richmond. **Beth Goeller** just moved from Fairfax to Rockville, Md., and is working for Hit or Miss. In August 1988, **Kathryn Berube** married Ed Ortega and moved to Manhattan. That's Manhattan, Kansas, not New York. **Bev Newman** is still in the land of Disney World down in Orlando, Fla., and is looking for the perfect job. Lots of luck to you, Bev! That's it from Laura. Thanks for the info. and yes, you did get it to me just on time!

Kali Poole and **Eric Van Gilder** (that's Nicole's brother) were married on Oct. 14. **Debbie Reep** is moving to Arizona. Why? Because it's there. **Eileen Brown** and **Jenny Prillaman** work in Crystal City, Eileen for the Navy and Jenny for the Defense Dept. (Scary, isn't it?) **Cassie Parchens** just left for Africa to work for the Peace Corps. **Brett "Yuri" Vaughn** is working for the Defense Mapping Agency in Md. **Holly Siegel** is living and working up in Northern New Jersey.

Lisa Barker and **Jane McDonald** work for the Rappahannock Community Services Board, and I am still working for Macy's up in Tysons Corner as the credit office manager while attending classes part time once again at The Wash. Yes, I did graduate in '88, but now I hope to have my biology major finished in two years in addition to my business. What a combo.

Deborah Mangold '89 writes that she and **Darrin J. Lipscomb** were married in June 1989, in Easton, Md. They honeymooned in Kiawah Island and are now living in Fredericksburg. Darrin is currently employed at the Atlantic Research Corp. as a systems analyst. He is also working on his master's degree in systems engineering through Virginia Tech. Deborah is employed at Ingleside Plantation Vineyards as a marketing and public relations representative.

Please write to me if you've got any news. I sure would like to get some mail other than bills.

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.
Lillian Waring Edwards '14
Margaret White Bear '17
Mattie Edwards Garner '19
Ruby Dratt Newman '26
Lilla Yancey Eley '30
Aline Hughes Carter '31
Audrey Steele Smith '31
Dorothy Luck Harris '32
Margaret House Woody '36
Harriet Rady Ranchil '41
Kitty Hundley Brandon '42
Baron Dunton Willett Cook '42
Alice Kean Cullen '42
Grace Brower Donnelly '42
Leslye Lau Drake '42
Caroline Brockman Ellis '42
Dorothy Fourqurean Beale '45
Lelia Jett Marsh Baldwin '46
Florence Berry Scott '46
Marjorie Cross McClurg '50
Eleanor Jones Perry '54
Eleanor Zundel Phillips '54
Nancy Elizabeth Warren Crance '57
Louise Taylor Hamman '57
Patricia M. Egan '74
Virginia H. Cullen, former head nurse at Mary Washington's Health Center.
Margaret Sue Early, former teacher at Mary Washington.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to those who have recently lost loved ones.
Esther Rowe '32, who lost her brother.
Elsie Smith Allison '39, who lost her husband.
Genevieve Cobb Copley '42, who lost her mother.
Florence Lawrence Williamson '57, who lost her mother.
Betsey-Ellen Hueston Hansen '61 who lost her father.
Sandra Jones Robinson '65, who lost her mother.
Rosann Sedlacko '82, who lost her mother.
Kerry Devine John '84, who lost her father.
Robert Whittier Baldwin '85, who lost his mother.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following alumni:
Mary Turner Andrews DeWorken '75, on the birth of a son.
Martha Taylor Clements '76, on the birth of a son.
Alison Cross Denler '76, on the birth of a daughter.
Susan Grimes '76, on the birth of a son.
Jennifer Millard Najjar '76, on the birth of a son.
Nadina Barnes Ross '78, on the birth of a daughter.
Claudia Nicholson Salzberg '78, on the birth of a daughter.
Martha Cross Swafford '78, on the birth of a son.
Barbara Pittman Ferrier '80, on the birth of a daughter.
Sandra Larrañaga Bowe '88, on the birth of a daughter.

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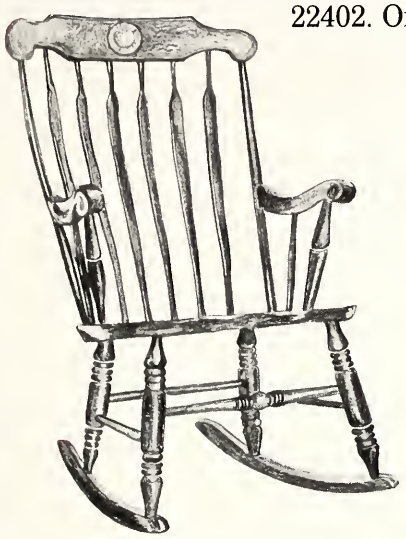

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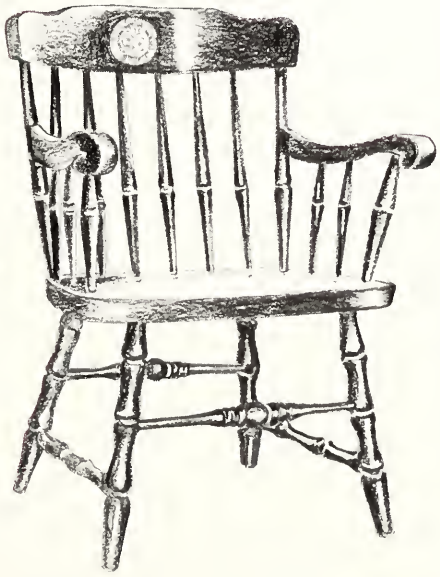

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